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R.A.F. WIN DECISIVE VICTORY IN AIR FIGHT OVER WESTERN DESERT

CAIRO, DEC. 15 (REUTER).—TWENTY-SIX ITALIAN AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED IN INTENSIVE R.A.F. ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE CONTINUED IN SUPPORT OF THE LAND OPERATIONS OF THE ARMY.

TWENTY-FOUR OF THEM WERE SHOT DOWN BY FIGHTERS WHICH MAINTAINED AN INCESSANT PATROL THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN PROTECTION OF ADVANCED BRITISH TROOPS.

HARD FIGHTING CONTINUES

British Advance In Sandstorm

(“Reuter’s” Special Correspondent)

CAIRO, Dec. 15.—Hard fighting is still in progress on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier in a whirling sandstorm, according to latest reports received here.

Exact details of the operations are as yet not available but British casualties are still known to be very slight despite determined major scrapping.

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

Naval Units Engaged

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Italian submarine, Nainde, has been sunk by British destroyers, states a communique from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, received by the Admiralty.

The submarine had attempted to interfere with operations which British naval forces are continuing along the coast in support of the Army between Sidi Barrani and Bardia.

Enemy U-boats also attacked a naval unit but without success and the attack was driven off.

Naval participation in the heavy attack on Bardia is revealed by a communique which says that a night bombardment on that port was carried out with successful result.

Compulsory Service Tribunal

It is notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, December 20, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

LATEST

The R.A.F. continue to batter Sollum barracks, proving that in this area at least Italian troops are still on Egyptian soil.

British forward mechanised columns are putting up a magnificent show, thrusting at the enemy positions at many points along the frontier and inflicting serious casualties on the defending Italian forces.

The indefatigable manner in which our tanks and armoured cars and lorries have been pushing on more than a hundred miles day and night for a week reveals clearly the terrific efforts made behind the scenes by the maintenance corps during the preparations for the offensive.

Clockwork Precision

Apart from brief halts at the dead of night to perform odd maintenance jobs—often in disused Italian camps—British mechanised forces are rolling on with clockwork precision.

At the same time the R.A.F. is continuing to plaster enemy aerodromes and concentrations in far corners of Libya day and night. Pilots are working ceaselessly, pausing only to re-fuel and to re-load bombs before taking off again for the battlefield.

Army personnel in Cairo unanimously declare that a great part of the success of the entire operations is due to Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore’s well-calculated and consistent plans for bombing the enemy’s aerodromes from the start of the offensive in order to prevent Italian planes taking off.

Disposal and accommodation of prisoners from the battle area is a task in itself. Many of those arriving here are being sent to prison camps in the Nile Delta.

Three Italian generals who have arrived at Alexandria in British warships are now recuperating in the Spa Hotel.

It is believed here that General Wavell’s brilliantly executed manoeuvre has seriously affected the resources of the entire Italian Army in Libya.

A number of other enemy aircraft were damaged but their destruction is not confirmed.

About 50 Capronis were patrolling over Bardia, but the British bombers persisted in the attack, causing heavy damage.

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed at Derna and others were severely damaged.

One fighter squadron of our advanced forces alone accounted for 14 Savoias and four Capronis. Three more Savoias and three Capronis were shot down by other squadrons.

From these operations, only three of our aircraft failed to return safely, but it is probable that at least one is safe on our side of the line.

Grotone Harbour was raided for the first time by our bombers on the night of December 13 and on the same night, Fleet Air Arm aircraft successfully attacked Tripoli, securing direct hits on two ships.

Hits Registered

In the heavy attack on Bardia, barracks and warehouses were demolished and a large fire was started, followed by explosions. Both there and at Tobruk, fires were still burning from the raids on the previous day.

All bombs dropped at Grotone Harbour burst along the water front while at Tripoli, where shipping in the harbour was the main objective, two hits were registered on one ship and an explosion followed the bombing of a second.

Asmara, Gura Zula and Dughilla were successfully raided in Italian East Africa.

Fleet Air Arm

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Fleet Air Arm has been co-operating with the R.A.F. in the attack on the Libyan coast, states the Admiralty.

In an attack on Tripoli, four tons of bombs were dropped.

In addition to direct hits on ships, explosions and damage to warehouses were observed.

RAIDS END EARLY

Britain’s Quiet Sunday
 LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Widespread German activity over Britain to-night ended early.

London and a north-east town were both clear of raiders before midnight. Relatively few bombs fell in London and although many fire bombs and high explosives were dropped on a north-east town, the attack was nothing like the scale of earlier provincial “blitz” raids.

Sunday Without Bombs

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Daylight raids to-day passed without a single bomb being dropped on any part of England, but nightfall brought to the capital the usual alert.

The main weight of the night raid, however, appeared to be concentrated on a town in north-east England, though towns in the south-west were also visited.

Canadian Minister Rescued

In Torpedoed Liner

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, has informed the Canadian authorities that Mr C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply, is safe.

Mr Howe was a passenger on the British liner Western Prince, which was torpedoed 400 miles north-west of the Irish coast on Saturday morning.

Mr Howe had been on a visit to Great Britain with other Canadian officials.

SINGER PASSES

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Madame Bianca Marchese, the well-known operatic and concert singer, died in London to-day, aged 77.

She had sung before all the crowned heads of Europe and pupils came from all over the world to her singing academy in London.

THE ITALIANS ARE FLEEING BEFORE THEM

The brilliant work of the mechanised units has largely made possible the British victory in the Western Desert. This official photograph shows one of the armoured car units which have been operating in the advance on Libya. When the picture was taken officers of the unit were making good use of a “brolly” at the side of their car during a halt.



BRITISH FORCES ADVANCE 200 MILES ACROSS DESERT

(“Reuter” In The Western Desert)

December 15.—I have just arrived in Sidi Barrani after two days of travel across the desert by the 200-mile route followed by our mechanised forces at the beginning of their drive into Libya.

Only after such a journey is it possible to appreciate the magnitude of the British victory.

Throughout the trip we passed an almost ceaseless stream of captured Italian tanks, lorries, armoured cars and prisoners being taken back to the bases. At some points we saw Italian ammunition dumps all intact, covering an area of two square miles.

Although a breakdown delayed our cars we were able to push on without touching any of our rations knowing that we should find dumps of Italian food along the route. The Italians destroyed virtually nothing at Sollum as they did not have the time to do so.

Only when the great fortified encampment of Nibeiwa, where our armoured division wiped out General Maletti’s crack desert column, in a couple of hours after the British blitz had begun, has been seen, can the brilliance of this initial victory be fully appreciated.

Comparable To Sedan

The importance of this success is comparable to the battle of Sedan since it opened the way to all that followed.

At Nibeiwa, General Maletti had established a base from which he planned to invade Egypt. The encampment, which has a circumference of about four miles, was protected outside by landmines and inside by 15-pounder, field, machine and A.A. guns.

The camp contained 3,500 of Italy’s best Libyan troops led by Italian officers.

Their fire at Sidi Barrani was extremely heavy and elsewhere when the British tanks got among them, their guns put up a hot though ineffective fire.

It is still impossible to estimate the total Italian casualties but they were certainly heavy and they are believed to have lost thousands of killed and wounded while, in addition, a number of high officers have been captured.

Soviet Army Paper Retracts Article

The newspaper “Red Star,” organ of the Soviet Army, recently disavowed its article published a few days previously on Imperialistic war and announced that publication was “a mistake.”

In the original article the “Red Star” declared that the U.S.S.R. would keep its hands off what it called the Imperialistic struggle in the Balkans.

“The U.S.S.R., faithful to its policy of peace and neutrality in the present war, is staying out of the Imperialistic struggle in the Balkan Peninsula,” it said.

Drive Along Libyan Border Maintained

(“Reuter” At Advanced Desert Headquarters)

CAIRO, Dec. 15.—While British troops are driving all along the frontier, the astonishing total of Italian prisoners and captured booty continues to mount.

Axis Press On Egypt-Greece Final Round In U.K.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—After its announcement on Saturday that the situation was “serious but not catastrophic,” Rome Radio to-day placed up more courage and congratulated the British putting up such a good show.

The announcer said, “We always thought that the British would not give us a good fight and thus deprive our final victory of glory.”

The German press, which for weeks maintained an exaggerated difference to the plight of Germans, to-day assured the German people that all would come right in the end. The Voelkische Beobachter said, “In German opinion, the situation in Greece and Egypt gives no ground for anxiety.”

Nazis Not Helping

BASLE, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—According to the Wilhelmstrasse, the unfavourable turn in Italian operations in Albania and Egypt will not influence German military decisions or lead Germany to give Italy active assistance, says the Berlin correspondent of the “Basler Nachrichten.”

Germany, he adds, is tenaciously sticking to her plan to seek a final decision against Britain in the British Isles themselves.

The last pockets of resistance outside Sidi Barrani were mopped up on Wednesday by a force operating under an Australian-born Brigadier.

Meanwhile an armoured brigade with a composite force which had been driving along the escarpment running roughly parallel with the coast towards the old frontier, came in contact with the enemy on Thursday and is still fighting.

Large numbers of retreating Italians have been shot up by British fighters and one group of 100 vehicles and 1,000 men surrendered on Thursday in the Nibeiwa-Sollum area.

Another group was attacked by re-lays of fighters near the spot known among the troops as Hellfire Pass.

Australian Airmen

In the latter part of the week, the Italians had been attempting to retaliate by air attacks. It was during one of these attacks that an Australian squadron of five Gladiators distinguished itself by engaging 12 Capronis and destroying several of them as announced in Saturday’s R.A.F. communique.

Despite the extent of British successes, however, it should not be imagined that the Italians did not put up any resistance.

Italian Prisoners

All day long a continual stream of captured Italian lorries crammed with prisoners is bumping across the

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Desert Win Cements Egyptian Friendship

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The momentous military events of the past week have had a tremendous effect throughout the country.

Egyptians have always believed that Egypt’s fate is linked closely with Britain’s. During recent months, however, they have had to face a tendentious whispering campaign inaugurated by thousands of Italians living freely in the country abusing its hospitality and deliberately circulating reports calculated to sow distrust of the Allies.

Nevertheless the Egyptians have remained steadfast in their loyalty to the Allies.

Examples of Italian underground activity reveal the arrogance of the Italian colony. Many in recent

months have even refused to pay rent, telling the landlords that any action against them would be useless as it was only a matter of weeks before Marshal Graziani’s victorious troops would enter the country.

Immediate reaction to the British successes in the Western Desert is manifested in a wave of confidence throughout the country. A small example of this is the fact that 400 Moslems on Saturday registered with the Government as intending pilgrims to Mecca. This number exceeds all those who had previously registered.

Newspapers continue to display banner headlines. Representative of the opinion of the entire Arabic press, “Al Ahram” declares, “British success proves that the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty is a necessity for safeguarding the country’s integrity. There is no doubt that the Western Desert under banner headlines. Representative of the opinion of the entire Arabic press, “Al Ahram” declares, “British success proves that the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty is a necessity for safeguarding the country’s integrity. There is no doubt that the Western Desert under

The inhabitants of Cairo are expressing the greatest jubilation.

Remains of Dictator’s Son Returned to Paris

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The remains of the Duke of Reichstadt, son of Napoleon I and Empress Marie Louise, which have been transferred to Paris from Vienna were placed next to Napoleon’s tomb in the Hotel des Invalides in an elaborate midnight ceremony, according to the German-controlled Paris wireless.

The coffin arrived in the Gare do l’Est escorted by German soldiers bearing torches late on Saturday evening and was taken to the Hotel des Invalides in a gun-carriage. Anti-aircraft guns fired a salute while German guards carried the coffin to the entrance where at 1 a.m. the German Ambassador formally turned it over to Admiral Darlan, representing Marshal Petain.

French municipal guards then carried the coffin into the chapel and placed it draped with the Tricolour, at the foot of Napoleon’s tomb.

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Cracks in Hitler's Armour

DURING the spring and early summer Hitler's sweeping attacks on neutral and largely unprepared countries followed by his final "blitzkrieg" on France blinded the world to the weak spots in his armour. To-day these dents have become definite cracks. Having failed to carry his "conquest" of France to Britain's shores Hitler lost his golden opportunity, since which he has been turning this way and that in his efforts to administer a "knock-out blow" to the British.

That Hitler's march to Paris was not so victorious as he would have the world believe has since been evidenced by the difficulties he has encountered in negotiations with Vichy—a fact which is beginning to convince the whole of Europe that General de Gaulle was right when he declared in his proclamation from London on November 9 that "France has lost a battle, but France has not lost the war!"

Not many weeks ago the world was edified by the news that the German Fuehrer, dropping his role of dictator for the purpose of making a personal attempt to include that country in the Axis. Spain's answer was plain when Senor Sener, in collaboration with Sir Samuel Hoare, the British Ambassador, signed a financial agreement with Britain. This may not signify that Spain has definitely turned her back on the Axis but it certainly indicates that she is not sure of Hitler's final victory in the war and therefore prefers to remain neutral for the time being. The Bulgarian collapse was the time of Rumania's collapse went to see Hitler and for a few days observers feared that he too was being drawn into the German net. But in the meantime Greece, which has always manfully rejected German propaganda and intrigue, showed the spirit of the people by defying Italy to do her worst. The subsequent successes of Greek arms probably had something to do with Bulgaria's later statements that above all things she desired to maintain her neutrality. Whatever the reason for his ignominious attack on Greece, Il Duce misjudged the fighting power of the Grecian army. To-day as a result, reports declare that Hitler is trying to persuade Turkey to accept the role of mediator. The Grecian position, aided by the British navy, air force and materials is, however, sufficiently favourable to repudiate all such attempts. It would also be dangerous to talk "peace" at this stage as Mussolini, even if an armistice were declared, would have the time he badly needs, in which to repair his losses.

Whatever Greece decides to do, Hitler's armour shows signs of further cracks. Russia is not proving so amenable in regard to Japan as Germany had hoped. If Russia continues her aid to China as she has declared she will, Japan must retain a strong force in Manchuria, thus making the long promised drive southwards more hazardous and less

Liberty's Legions are ready...

By Harry Levin

SOMEWHERE in Palestine, behind a gate inscribed with the simple word "Pax," a palm-girdled monastery looks down upon a military camp.

Two thousand years ago the Legions of Rome were encamped here.

To-day it is a Polish Legion which lives in its sunbathed tents.

Below the white walls of the monastery its bugles ring out as a great fire leaps towards the sky. It is a huge pyre lit by torches brought by runners from that holy fire that burns in the sepulchres of Jerusalem.

It is burning in memory of the tens of thousands that fell for the Liberty of Poland.

Across the darkening plain comes the haunting melody of Poland's famous hymn of freedom sung by thousands of voices.

Most of these Poles passed through the furnace of the Polish campaign of a year ago and succeeded in reaching the Black Sea coast, sometimes in groups, sometimes singly, until they were able to form an Eastern brigade which eventually took up its headquarters in Syria.

Almost every one of them has his Odyssey.

One—he has an Irish ancestor—passed through the German lines, thanks to the pass he had sliced from the body of a dead spy.

One, stripping the uniform from a dead Hussar, got near the German lines. Then he was able to disguise himself as a peasant woman, and it was his feminine "wink" that succeeded in getting him past the guards.

The Polish Eagle

The Polish brigade left for Palestine when France capitulated. It includes Marshal Pilsudski's Legionnaires and the pick of the youth of Poland.

Tanned, friendly and smart, they march along with the Polish Eagle proudly displayed upon their kapis—the broad-brimmed cap worn by the French Foreign Legion.

This is not the first time the Polish Eagle has been seen in these parts. Nearly 150 years ago Napoleon himself praised the valour of the Polish Legionnaires who played such a big part in his Eastern campaign.

Brothers in Arms

This meeting round the campfire also emphasises the closeness of the brotherhood in arms of the many "Legions of Liberty" gathered up and down the Holy Land—many of whose representatives are guests of the Polish Brigade to-night.

There are the Czechs, austere men whose sun-helmets bear the symbol of the Lime leaf. Most of them came from Syria after the German occupation but some saw Prague's final humiliation, and succeeded in escaping by methods which even now cannot be revealed.

One of them was arrested because he raised his clenched hand towards heaven as he stood before the Czechoslovakian Unknown Warrior's tomb on the day of the invasion.

attractive. The "conquered" countries in West Europe, while theoretically dominated by Germany, are beginning to show increasing courage and tenacity in their opposition to German rule. It was only last week that German troops stationed in Norway had to be put on a war footing because of hostile acts. It is also known throughout Holland that some 500 of her erstwhile leading administrators are imprisoned in German concentration camps while Belgium and France are not faring much better. As for Poland the situation is reported to be horrible beyond description. Each country although submitting to German domination, is a seething caldron of discontent and cannot but sap Hitler's military strength. A fact which he must recognise with some trepidation.

The Mere Man

The Duke of Windsor

The most democratic of British royal personages of the twentieth century, the Duke of Windsor, is also probably the most distinguished of Britons for all-round, universal popularity. There is hardly a place where his name is known that he is not fondly regarded with the friendliest affection, and nowhere outside of the Empire is this more true than in the United States. On his visits to the great American Republic as the Prince of Wales, Edward early carved for himself a niche in American hearts, and a very sure testimony of the love which Americans feel for him may be found in the remark made by a Middle West farmer, who said, after he met him, "Taint bad if these United States had some Prince feller jest lika him!"

It is the name of the Duke of Windsor that springs most readily to mind when I think of the most happy choice Mr. Churchill can make for the position of Ambassador in Washington, left vacant with such sudden untimeliness by the death of Lord Lothian. There is not a single doubt that at this most important of times, and when a new era of Anglo-American co-operation is coming into being, Britain should have a representative at Washington who is not only well-liked but who can be trusted implicitly for what he does by the American in every walk of life. Lord Lothian was such a man, and fulfilled the highest expectations of his position. He earned the confidence of Americans because of his natural simplicity of being acquainted with the diplomatic traditions of mystery and intrigue, and his "common touch". Britain must select someone to replace him who can, in the same way, reach right home to the individual American.

There may be other eminent men, suited to be ambassadors, who have even greater training and experience for the work than the Duke of Windsor, but there cannot be one who, if appointed, will be instantly accepted with such spontaneous goodwill.

I have three reasons for favouring the Duke: firstly, for his own personal popularity; secondly, for the fact that he is married to an American; and thirdly, for the fact that such an appointment would be a means of placing Great Britain back in the good books of those Americans who, rightly or wrongly, felt that their country had been slighted because Edward had to abdicate on account of his American wife.

The Prime Minister, who is one of the Duke's staunchest friends, must certainly be acquainted with all the factors, and it may be sure that his choice, whatever it may be, will not have been made without consideration of these factors.

It was Lord Lothian who was Do Their quoted as saying that Hollywood is playing its part in maintaining British morale. The cinema, in these times when nations are struggling for their national existence, is certainly a welcome relief from terrifying experiences.

Britain is receiving more American films than for many years since the quota system went into force, but European countries sadly miss them, especially those countries whose populace must be kept satisfied and mentally keyed to the war effort.

The radio in Germany and Italy is not a vehicle for entertainment but for propaganda, and cannot take the place of the films. In Britain, now, the radio must also largely be occupied with war news, warnings and official advice, though a great deal of pure, light-hearted entertainment is still being provided. So even "horse opera" and thriller serials are doing their bit in the fight of free peoples against totalitarian tyranny.

"To Whet Your Whistle" I had always imagined the phrase "to whet your whistle" dated probably from Harry Weldon or one of the North Country comedians. But here it is bobbing up in the seventeenth century. Izaak Walton's "Piscator" remarks, "Let's e'en say grace, and turn to the fire, drink the other cup to whet our whistles, and so sing away all sad thoughts."

Incidentally, I had always thought the phrase was "to wet your whistle."

I had never read Walton. It seems to me the perfect book for these days, with no apologies to the consummate asses and dolts who call anything but a sordid, "realistic" novel, or a treatise on local government, boards, "the literature of escape."

—Claudius

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"All I wanted was a free physical examination. I was positive they'd find SOMETHING wrong!"

TORPEDOED BOY SAVED STAMPS

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Derek Fairhurst, who lives in a London suburban town, made one condition when his parents proposed he and his sister Doreen, aged 10, should go to Canada as evacuees.

It was that he should be allowed to take his stamp collection, containing 1,000 stamps of Europe as it was before Hitler changed it.

His mother objected that warm clothes were more important, and as luggage was strictly limited the collection must give way.

Derek argued that he had taken years to collect the stamps. With Europe at war, some of them were valuable and irreplaceable.

His father persuaded Mrs. Fairhurst, reluctantly, to let him put his stamps before warm clothes.

Derek was one of the children saved from a ship which was attacked by a U-boat in the Atlantic.

All He Had

He and 200 other rescued children from London and the Home Counties arrived back at Euston.

And when his father met Derek and Doreen the boy had his precious stamp book with him.

"It was the only thing I had time to save," he said.

"When we felt the bump I just grabbed it, and went to see my sister safely out."

"Many other children were awfully sick in the small boat, for it tossed up and down so, but I wasn't. I'm a good sailor. The sailors said so."

"I clutched my book all the way home."

"I think a lot of my stamps."

This is Derek's second adventure at sea.

"Three years ago," said his father, "I took him out to see the Queen Mary after her record-breaking trip."

"We got stuck on a sandbank in the Channel. The ship we were on was in some danger, and we signalled for help. But Derek enjoyed every minute of it."

Soldier's Alleged Bigamy

A Battery Quarter-Master Sergeant, Charles Harold Taylor, was accused at Birmingham recently of committing bigamy three months after he had married his second wife.

Mr. M. P. Pugh, prosecuting, said Taylor was divorced by his first wife, and married Mrs. Margaret Lillian Taylor, of Chelmsford Road, Portsmouth, in July last year.

Mrs. Brenda Ann Weston said she met Taylor at a dance in a mid-land town and "married" him on October 21. She regularly received £3 5s. 6d. a week from him.

Both women expressed their loyalty to Taylor in the witness-box.

He will say "I am still fond of him, and will forgive him if he will be true to me."

Mrs. Weston said: "He stands by me, and I stand by him."

Taylor was sent for trial and was allowed bail.

Earl Beatty To Command "U.S." Ship

Lieut.-Commander Earl Beatty, R.N., son of the former First Sea Lord, it is understood, will be appointed to command one of the fifty American destroyers sold to the British Navy.

Earl Beatty, who is thirty-five, resigned his commission in the Leicestershire Yeomanry after the outbreak of war to join the Navy.

Viscountess Beatty was formerly an American, Mrs. Dorothy Sandes.

Gas-Proofing Of Raid Shelters To Go Ahead

Authorities responsible for public air raid shelters in Britain have been told to examine their arrangements for gas-proofing the shelters in accordance with schemes prepared some time ago.

Military authorities along the South Coast have for some time been instructing the forces in their command in gas precautions in view of the possibilities at any time now of an attempt at invasion by the enemy.

It is considered possible that the Germans may include the use of poison gas as part of the preliminaries for an invasion.

The possibility that submarines might be used for such an attack from the Channel has not been overlooked.

It is believed that meteorological investigations have been made by the enemy of factors affecting the strategic use of poison gas.

Risks Of Illness

With the approach of colder weather there is some public concern about the risks of illness through having to spend whole nights in cold

FINDING LOST MEN OF B.E.F.

IT was disclosed recently that a large proportion of the 70,000 British casualties in France are prisoners of war.

The information was given at a meeting at the London Mansion House by Sir Philip Chetwode, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Red Cross and St. John Joint War Organisation.

The Red Cross, he said, is still tracing men who have been lost since the B.E.F. left France. Many of them are prisoners.

It was reported at the meeting that the Lord Mayor's Fund now stands at £3,073,000.

Lord Illiffe, deputy chairman of the Fund, said the cost of collection had been under two per cent. Nearly one-third of the money came from overseas.

The penny-a-week scheme had collected no less than £200,000.

Weekly receipts now averaged £15,000. This meant that more than 3,500,000 working men and women were giving a penny a week from their wages.

Sugar Chief Libelled By Broker

Libel damages of £550 and costs were awarded to Mr. William James Rook, Director of Sugar Purchases at the Ministry of Food, in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Justice Atkinson declared that the defendant, Mr. J. Leslie Fairlie, a sugar broker, of Mincing-lane, E.C., was accused by evidence against Mr. Rook and the Sugar Control.

The hearing had lasted 15 days.

Mr. Rook claimed damages for alleged libel contained in cables sent to Mr. Fairlie by Galban Lobo and Co., a Cuban sugar exporting firm, to whom the defendant acted as agent.

He contended that Mr. Fairlie had "poisoned the minds" of the firm by untrue accusations that Mr. Rook was favouring the firm of C. Czarnikow, Ltd., of which he is vice-chairman.

The Judge said he had no doubt that Mr. Fairlie wanted to force Mr. Rook to give orders to Galban Lobo. There was never the slightest foundation for any of the libels.

GOOD PRICES FOR RAMS

At the annual sale held at Lunark recently excellent trade was experienced for Border Leicester ram lambs, when 243 head were disposed of at the splendid average price of £12. 6s. 11d. apiece, as against £10. 10s. 3d. last year. The top prices for lambs were £130 and £100.

HIKED 183 MILES TO A FIRE

Because he wanted experience, a Manchester part-time auxiliary fireman "hiked 183 miles from Manchester to London on his week's holiday and to obtain practice at real fires. He joined up at a London fire station and quickly got the experience he wanted.



INDIAN AIRMEN—Men from India arrive in London to join the Royal Air Force as pilots to strafe Germany. They are greeted by a sergeant of London police force in hearty handshakes.

Finest Generation Of Boys and Girls

"IF anyone thinks our youth is decadent let him ask the opinion of any German who has met them. I do not think that ever in our history has this country produced such a fine generation of boys and girls."

That tribute was paid by Mr. H. Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, at a meeting of the Manchester Youth Committee.

The war, he said, made him proud of Britain's education efforts in the years preceding it.

After announcing that expenditure on youth work in 1941 will be two or three times as much as for 1940, Mr. Ramsbotham stated that physical training for young people is not to be made compulsory.

"If and when I am satisfied," he said, "that adequate provision can be made for physical training on a nation-wide basis, then will come the time to consider the release of young people from their work for one or more short periods a week in which they may take part in physical training, with great benefit to themselves and to their efficiency as workers."

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HITLER SACKS ARMY PRINCE

His Fury With Bernhard

PRINCE ASCHWIN ZUR LIPPE-BIESTERFELD, brother of Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, has been expelled from the German Army by the special order of Adolf Hitler.

He has been put under domiciliary arrest at the family castle near Bomst, in Silesia.

None of his friends is allowed to see him—even if the friend dared to incur the suspicion of the Gestapo by doing so.

The motive for Hitler's order is his fury with Prince Bernhard, who though born a German, has not in Nazi fashion betrayed the oath of loyalty to Hitler which he swore when he became naturalised before his marriage to Princess Juliana.

Under Hitler's direct orders a flood of scurrilous newspaper attacks was let loose against Prince Bernhard both in Germany and in the German-controlled Press.

Now Hitler, unable to get at Prince Bernhard himself, has tried to punish his brother.

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Nazi Playing Cards Found In Shelter

A PACK of Nazi playing cards was found in a North London shelter after a strange man had panicked during a raid and afterwards vanished.

Despite the efforts of a shelter marshal, the man went on asserting that Britain had a hopeless cause and stood no chance against the German forces.

After the all-clear the marshal was tidying the shelter when he came across a pack of German cards, with the Swastika on their backs.

They were on the bench where the man had been sitting, and had evidently fallen from his pocket.

It was suggested that the Nazis may be using agents to spread panic during raids.

GIFT FOR SALVATION ARMY

The annual gift day in aid of the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls, No. 2 Embankment Road, will be held on December 20. Gifts in money or kind will be gratefully received by the following:

Mrs. Pearson-Grant, Empress Lodge, Kowloon; Mrs. Phillips No. 28 Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon; Mrs. Yalc No. 31 Harbour View, Kowloon; Mrs. Piercy, No. 409 The Peak; Mrs. Blake, No. 15 Felix Villa, Pokfulam; Old City Hall, Queen's Road; Helena May, Indistinct Garden Road; Star Ferry Travel Bureau, Hongkong; Star Ferry Office, Kowloon; and Major Brazier, Salvation Army Home, No. 2 Embankment Road, Kowloon.

Suitable gifts would be rice (red and white), dry vegetables, soy beans, salt vegetables, wood charcoal, flour, sugar, tea, tinned milk, soap, towels, blankets (red or brown), buckets, brooms, brushes, enamel mugs, enamel bowls, 14" calico, flannelette, tah hats, kels, tooth-brushes, coats, knitting wool, toys, Laxoxen, Christmas fire, crackers, material, books and games (Chinese or English), gramophone and records, any household requisites, etc.

A special appeal is made to Chinese housewives to lend a helping hand to their less fortunate sisters, by sending along any commodities they can spare that might be of use in the Home, whose inmates are mostly Chinese.

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

EASTERN TAKE BOTH POINTS Club Overwhelm Police

FROM POLICE 4-2 Frequent Infringement Spoil General Progress of Game

By "SCRAMBLER"

DESPITE THEIR WIN of four goals to two over Police yesterday at Caroline Hill, Eastern should consider themselves lucky, for all three goals were scored at a period when the Police were playing with ten men. The whistle was heard much too frequently, and due to dangerous play, no less than seven players had to receive attention.

Play was not so interesting and entertaining on the whole, although spasms of delightful play were produced by both teams. The superiority of the winning team was to be found in the forward line, where the five players co-ordinated well together.

The same cannot be said of the Police, for with the exception of Ferrier, the rest did not come up to expectation, the wingers especially were far too slow, and wasted many a good opportunity.

Eastern were somewhat lucky to obtain the first goal after ten minutes play, for after Wong Man Kwal was hurt after the kick off play was then confined to the Police half, and in one of their attacks, Y. K. Hui scored from an offside position, as the Police defenders were appealing.

Play then alternated to a great extent and was chiefly centred in midfield, where Eastern's defence stood their ground. From a free kick taken by Pope, Lau Pak-hung equalised from a scrimmage. Not long after the Police obtained the lead as from a pass by Moss to Wong Man-kwal, the ball found three Police forwards unmarked with the Eastern's defence spreadeagled, and Lau Pak-hung calmly walked the ball into the net.

Police Pressed

After the breather, Eastern went into the attack, and gave life to their play. Chan Kwong-yui was carried off with a leg injury and again in one of their raids, Eastern equalised through C. T. Tsao. Thereafter play was mostly confined to the Police territory, and although their defenders did all they could to stem the tide, their efforts were unavailing. Eastern kept up an insistent attack and Hui King Sing took the ball up to within forty yards to let go with a hot left footed drive that gave Manning no chance.

Undaunted by this reverse, the Police came into the picture with several well timed raids, but found their forwards lacking in the final touches. Wong Man-kwal and Moss being the chief offenders. Ferrier tested Lau Hin-hon with several shots and Moss did likewise. At the other end, shots in quick succession by V. K. Hui and C. T. Tsao were cleared by Manning, and again in their attack, the Police defenders had in the meanwhile all gone off, the ball was returned to the Police half with all defenders too far up to do anything with the result that V. K. Hui scored easily. Lau Hung Pak was also hurt, and playing with ten men again, Police were unfortunate not to reduce the arrears

as one shot from Ferrier struck the upright with Lau Hin-hon completely beaten.

A Good Show

Although defeated, Police were not disgraced, for had their front men accepted the passes that went their way, they would have at least scored more than two goals. As stated, only Ferrier in the forward line did anything of note, but he was very badly let down by his other men. Howlett was none too prominent, but did forage for the ball. Moss was too slow and cumbersome and should have parted with the ball earlier on many an occasion. Of the wingers, Lau Hung-pak although scoring both goals was inclined to wait for the ball. Wong Man-kwal was completely out of the picture perhaps, due to the injury received during the first minute of the game.

The halves did their share of the work, but found in Eastern's forwards just that shade too fast. They played a defensive game, though, was a tower of strength in the pivotal position, and both Pope and North worked hard, but should have kept a stricter hold on both the wings. Blackburn was steady, and covered the erratic Chan Kwong-yui well. The latter was too prone to go up. By their traps, Police found their opponents in many an off side position. Manning should have saved the second goal, but on the whole performed credibly.

Lethargic Eastern

Eastern started off in a lethargic fashion, and took sometime before they really settled down. Although they were more in the picture during the early part of the game, the forwards found the close attention of the Policemen a worry to them. Hui King-sing was given plenty of rope on the left wing, but always found a defender at his heels; the same can be said of Chung Yung-sin. Both wingers sent across some nice centres. V. K. Hui played a very constructive game, and led his front men well. He was ably supported by C. T. Tsao, but Cheung Kam Hoi did not appear to be comfortable. The halves supported the forwards well, going up when they attacked and falling back when pressed. Both wing halves had more than the measure of the wings, and Hui King Sing did a very good job in

CASH SWEEP WINNERS ON SATURDAY

No. 2558	Place 1	\$3,018.00
No. 5019		\$61.00
No. 4100		\$30.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2263, 4059.		
No. 2055	Place 2	\$3,001.00
No. 5551		\$57.00
No. 4194		\$28.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3463, 446, 4096, 3150, 650, 1264, 3050, 6102, 6133, 5907.		
No. 3725	Place 3	\$3,333.00
No. 3813		\$28.00
No. 1674		\$20.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4071, 4050, 1519.		
No. 4090	Place 4	\$3,547.00
No. 57		\$103.00
No. 1009		\$10.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2388, 2042.		
No. 6722	Place 5	\$5,384.00
No. 2235		\$124.00
No. 3002		\$103.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1253, 1803, 6072, 3027.		
No. 1740	Place 6	\$7,128.00
No. 1248		\$203.00
No. 5238		\$101.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 428, 37, 4027, 0501, 5300, 1332, 0443, 632.		
No. 7244	Place 7	\$7,703.00
No. 3002		\$103.00
No. 431		\$7,239.00
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): No. 2204, 6320, 4718.		

Softball

Recreio Aces Nose Out Cyclones 1-0

THRILLS of League Softball yesterday were largely contained in the one-run victory of Recreio Aces over the Cyclones in the men's Division. But, games generally were close. There were no less than five matches decided by one run, the other four being Cardinals 22 Ramlersettes 21; Wildcats 17 Vahoos 16; Chung Hwa 9 Cosmopolitans 8; and South China 6. This was, indeed, fare for the fans.

Complete scores were:
Cardinals 22, Ramlersettes 21.
Chung Hwa 9, Cosmopolitans 8.
Wildcats 17, Vahoos 16.
First Division
St. Joseph's 25, Filipinos 7.
Cyclones 0, Recreio Aces 1.
Canucks 3, Indians 1.
Second Division
Chung Hwa 9, Cosmopolitans 8.
Recreio Aces 1, South China 6.
R.A.F. 7, V.H.C. 2.
H.K. Bank 12, Inter-Hong 2.
Chartered Bank 20, Greenspots 12.

keeping a watchful eye on Howlett and Moss. The pair of backs Kong Sang-king and T. S. Yue by their clever coverings and positionings relieved many a dangerous movement. Lau Hin-hon did all that was required of him, but is still nervous under pressure.

Numerous Injuries
The game was remarkable for the number of injuries sustained and the too frequent blowing of the whistle. Play was interesting at times, and had the Police forwards played as well as they did against the Sing Tao, a different result would have been no surprise.
Eastern moved about with more co-ordination, the forwards played with understanding. The halves supported their forwards well but the Police were too much occupied with keeping the ball out that at times the forwards had to forage for themselves.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon, Kong Sang-king, T. S. Yue, Lau Tai-chang, Hui King-sing, Ma Kee-cheung, Chung Yung-sin, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hui, C. T. Tsao, Hui King Sing.
POLICE: Manning, Blackburn, Chan Kwong-yui, Pope, Gough, North, Wong Man-kwal, Howlett, Moss, Ferrier, Lau Pak-hung.



Blackburn (Police) preparing to clear and relieve Eastern pressure during their League soccer match yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

KEN OVERLIN RETAINS MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

Steve Belloise Out-Pointed

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (UP).—The veteran Ken Overlin successfully defended his Middleweight boxing title against young Steve Belloise to-night by winning the decision after an unexpectedly dull 15-round contest which caused continuous booing by the 6,000 spectators.

There was not a single knock-down, and the bout was marked by almost continuous clinching and mauling.—United Press.
Reuter adds that the experienced Overlin sapped his opponent's strength with a forelock body attack, while Belloise foolishly elected to wait for one heavy punch, which he was never able to land.
This is the second time Overlin has successfully defended his title against Belloise. The first was on November 2 when Overlin staged one of the

grandest rallies ever witnessed in any ring to win by a narrow margin. Overlin was floored twice and nearly knocked out on two other occasions later on.

NAVY TRIUMPH OVER ARMY

Determined Display

IN a determined display, Navy overcame the Army 11-3 in the Quadrangular Tournament at Causeway Bay on Saturday, and took the lead by one point in the Tournament table.

H.E., the G.O.C. Major-General A. E. Grassett was among the large crowd present.
To the hard-working pack and the outstanding play of Paul and Honeywell must go the greater credit for their success. Rutherford played an excellent game behind the scrum, while in the loose King, Beattie, Taylor, Mansfield were prominent.
The Navy pack got more of the ball, often through clever wheeling. In the loose Millar and Gillam worked hard. Pickett played a good game at full back. On the wing McDonald was fast and was unlucky not to get over at times.

ARMY AGGRESSIVE

The Army pressed from the start and McDonald was held up on the line. Wedderburn, soon afterwards looked dangerous, but Paul cleared after Hook attempted a dropped goal. He kicked through with the ball at his feet, past Pickett. Honeywell followed up fast, but Paul managed to force the bouncing ball after it had gone between the posts. He converted his own try.
Army rallied and, when Richards was struck in the chest, Combes attempted a dropped goal, which went wide. Hook broke away until tackled by Paul. Hook again attacked, sending Richards away on the wing. Richards was forced into touch by Morahan.
From the line-out the Army hammered at the Army line until Gillam dived over near the posts. Miller failed to convert. Paul attempted a dropped goal just before the close of the game.

RUTHERFORD'S FINE TRY
After a scrum about 10 yards from the Army line Rutherford whipped the ball on the blind side and dived over. His way past several men to dive over near the corner. Paul missed the kick. Striking distance, Combes attempted a dropped goal, which went wide. Hook broke away until tackled by Paul. Hook again attacked, sending Richards away on the wing. Richards was forced into touch by Morahan.
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Chinese R.C. "At Home"

Chinese Recreation Club will be "At Home" to members and friends on Sunday, December 20, when prizes won during the past season will be distributed.
An all-day American Tennis Doubles tournament will be held.

Navy Surprise Army In Quadrangular Rugby Tournament

(By "Fly-Half")

LACKING a full back with a tackle deadly enough, Police went down to the Club to the tune of 8 points (a try and a goal to 36 (six goals and two tries) in the Quadrangular Tournament rugby match at Boundary Street on Saturday.

At Causeway Bay, Navy created considerable surprise when they beat the Army by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to 3 (a try).

Police fought hard up mid-field, but once a Club man got through, except for Reynolds, he met with little opposition and could make goal kicking almost a certainty by touching down between the posts. The majority of Club's tries were from the wing, and had the scorers been chased by a fast man the tries would have been scored near the corners and the possibility of kicks being missed greater.

Wall, who played at full-back for Police in the first half, played one of his worst games out here. Hesitating before fielding and tackling he generally missed either the ball or man. Later, at stand-off half, he was no improvement to Jackson. The latter fumbled his passes at fly-half, and later, at full-back, lacked speed to bring down the fast Club wingers.

Reynolds was the only Police three to have any success in attempts to break through, whilst in defence he held Stewart with some success, and once chased Day, who was completely through, to bring him down to yards from the line.

POLICE FORWARDS DO WELL

UP FORWARD Police put up a good show, and were far from overwhelmed. In the first 15 minutes of the second half, they controlled the game. Wright-Nooth, a marked man, put in a lot of hard work. Dempsey was possibly the best Police forward, but he spoilt his play by ignorance of the rules. Handling on the ground or in scrums is still a bad habit of his.

Thompson, despite the one-sided score in his side's favour, was given quite a lot to do and did it well. His try was an outstanding effort. Thompson was in a sprightly mood and proved too fast for Dingdale. Aikenhead received some terrible

passes from Thompson, scrum-half, and did well to recover in the face of Police's eager forwards.
Club forwards did well in the line-outs and set scrums, especially in the latter when they packed 3-4-1. Burford had the better of his vis-a-vis at hooking.

THE GAME

SOON after the kick-off, the ball from a scrum within the Club half, went out on the blind side to Bosanquet who kicked to touch but did not get it. He followed up hard to gather the ball as it rose from a lucky bounce and went on past Wall to score under the posts.

Back at the other end of the field, the Club three were lined up as from the scrum so fast and unexpected had been the score. Aikenhead converted. Day, Carruthers and Thompson added further tries. Aikenhead converted one and Redman the other.

SECOND HALF

AFTER the interval, Police pegged away at the Club line, but spoilt their moves by over-eagerness. A snap try by Dempsey, which was converted by Wall, was a just reward for their efforts.

Against the run of play, Club went further ahead with a brilliant try by Thompson. The full-back fielded the ball on his own "22" and kicked a high ball to touch. Jackson deflected it in an attempt to catch it, and Thompson, who had followed up fast, gathered it and raced over the line at the posts. Redman converted.

Undismayed, Police forwards went into attack, and the ball was booted upfield where Thompson, in recovering, was clumsy and unintentionally obstructed Wall. A penalty try was given, but Wall from in front of the posts failed to convert.

Club scored further tries through Thompson, Bosanquet and Day. Burford converted one, and Taylor another. Thompson, Day, Stewart, Aikenhead, Thompson, Lee, Burford, Heaman, Needham, Blackett, Kennedy, Taylor, Redman, Police—Wall—Reynolds, Dempsey, Jones, Dingdale, Jackson, Riddell, Jennings, Lewis, Hogarth, Cullinan, Searle, Wright-Nooth, Dempsey, Gough.

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This first liner will be followed at two month intervals by the other six liners. These smart, modern vessels which are commonly known as the modified C-3 type, have an estimated gross tonnage of 9,500; length overall, 412 feet; breadth 69½ feet and shaft horse power of 8,500. They have a normal sea speed of 16½ knots.

Leaving Shanghai at 1 p.m. on Friday the President Jackson was sighted from Waglan at 6.45 a.m. yesterday.

The new vessels will complete the 29,000 mile round-the-world voyage in 95 days. Their route will carry them to Cuba, Panama, California, Hawaii, Japan, Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Bombay, Capetown, Port of Spain and back to New York.

DOG ATTACKS SEAMAN

Mr James South, Navy seaman, reported to the Police that while he was walking along Austin Road yesterday a large Alsatian attacked him and bit him on the left leg. After biting him the dog disappeared. The dog was said to be neither muzzled nor on a lead.

SHANGHAI STRIKES

Reflection of High Cost of Living

Shanghai, Dec. 15. That a tremendous increase in the local currency cost of living in Shanghai was brought about by the fall in value of Shanghai's dollar and lack of supplies through the war in Europe and Japanese restrictions on allowing entry of food into the Settlement is being vividly shown here by strikes and requests from all quarters of the community for higher wages.

Following previous increases the Shanghai Municipal Council of the International Settlement, after the strike caused by the recent strike of Chinese constables of the Police Force, decided to grant a 150 per cent. high cost of living bonus to all the staff in municipal employ.

Immediately after this members of the staffs of factories and business companies in Shanghai demanded to be treated likewise.

A short strike of Chinese constables of the Police Force of the French Concession has just been settled with a promise of additional pay.

All utility companies, mainly working on a monthly basis as regards cost, are increasing their charges for services as running costs of their services mount.

The shortage of rice—owing to the Japanese monopoly of all rice grown in Japanese-occupied China and

WAR FUND SWELLS

A total of \$1,453,427.39 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children acknowledges the following donations collected during December, 1940:

Collections for week ended 7.12.40: \$730; Collections for week ended 14.12.40: \$1,000. Mr. J. E. Joseph \$100, Mr. F. N. Merritt \$25, Mr. J. Ormiston \$10, Dr. Annie Sydenham \$5, Mr. G. M. Spada \$5, Donation already acknowledged through the South China Morning Post \$25, 200 Total \$900. Further donations will be gladly accepted by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. McKelvey, c/o Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., P. O. Building.

shipment of it to Japan—is also causing great concern. Large quantities have been imported from Indo-China and India to cover consumption and at present there are sufficient stocks here for two months, but sky-rocketing freight rates may lead to a further rise in price.—Reuter.

PETAIN DISMISSES LAVAL

Flandin Becomes Foreign Minister

London, Dec. 14.

"Pierre Laval is no longer a member of the Government," dramatically announced Marshal Henri Petain in a message broadcast to-night by Lyons Radio. Marshal Petain prefaced his announcement with the words: "Frenchmen, I have just taken a decision which I trust is in the interests of the country." He added that M. Pierre Flandin has taken the portfolio of Foreign Affairs.

The Act which nominated Laval as Petain's successor is cancelled, Marshal Petain said. "It is for a high principle of internal policy that I have taken this decision. It has no repercussions at all on our relations with Germany. I remain at the helm. The national revolution continues."

The message was in the Marshal's own voice, no doubt a recording, and the Marseillaise was played at the end.

After broadcasting Petain's message the Lyons Radio announcer said that Marshal Petain intended to make his government more homogeneous.

M. Flandin, Marshal Petain states, appears to him to be better fitted than his predecessor to pursue, with the support of public opinion, the policy of rapprochement between France and Germany.—Reuter.

Laval Under Arrest

New York, Dec. 14.

The World Telegram to-day says that M. Laval was taken to an unspecified location after his house was taken over by the Police and his papers seized.

It said that M. Laval was arrested on the eve of his departure for a conference with Hitler to deal with the question of Vichy's permission to send German troops through the occupied regions of France to the rescue of Italy. The report said that Marshal Petain is opposed to the suggestion, but that M. Laval supported it.—United Press.

Detained By Police

Zurich, Dec. 14.

According to information reaching Zurich, M. Laval has been detained by the French police.—United Press.

No Vice Premier

London, Dec. 14.

Marshal Petain announced that he had sent a message to Hitler announcing the removal of M. Laval from the Cabinet and the suppression of the Vice Premiership. By a decree published to-day in the Journal Officiel, Marshal Petain revoked the constitutional Act naming M. Laval as Petain's successor.

The Act has been revised so that henceforth the Council of Ministers, by a majority vote, will elect Marshal Petain's successor if such an emergency arises.

According to the official German news agency, Marshal Petain, during the Ministers' Council meeting, on Friday night, demanded the resignation of the entire Cabinet in order to form a new one.

M. Ripert, Minister of Public Instruction, has also been dismissed and has been replaced by M. Jacques Chevalier.—United Press.

Domet adds that the former Foreign Minister, M. Paul Baudin, has been named the Secretary of the State for the Presidency Council and

Child "Star" On Way Home

Sybil Jason, the 13-year-old movie star whose career has included many appearances with Shirley Temple, arrived in Hongkong aboard the President Jackson yesterday on her way to visit her parents in Capetown.

Quite unspoilt after concluding a five years' contract with Warner Brothers and a two years' contract with 20th Century Fox, Sybil will be seen shortly in Hongkong in "The Blue Bird," a technical production of Mactelink's famous play.

In an interview yesterday Sybil said she could not quite remember how she started in films, she seemed to have grown up in them. She had been on a visit to her grandmother in London from Capetown when she was given a part in her first film, "Barbie Girl," at the age of four. In this she was "spotted" by a Hollywood scout and sent to Hollywood.

A pretty, plump little girl with dark brown hair, freckles and wide eyes, Sybil has been very popular on the voyage. She is accompanied by her 26-year-old sister Anita, with whom she lived in her own bungalow in Beverly Hills.

Doesn't Care for Dolls. Asked about her hobbies Sybil said: "I don't care for dolls. I like horse-back riding and reading mystery books."

Regarding Shirley Temple, Sybil generously said: "Geel she's a swell actress and a great friend; we just have lots of fun together. My favourite serious actress is Bette Davis. She has been awfully kind to me. I think Errol Flynn is marvellously good looking and I have my dressing locker plastered with his pictures. However, my favourite actor for serious acting is Spencer Tracy."

Other great friends were Carole Lombard and Clark Gable. "Carole is even more beautiful off the screen than on," she said. Regarding a career, Sybil said that if she could not be an actress she wanted to be a designer and, failing that, a reporter. "I think a reporter has a wonderful life. I have seen all the newspaper films, including 'His Girl Friday' with Cary Grant," she said, her eyes gleaming.

Sybil will see her parents for the first time in seven and a half years. Her films include "The Little Big Shot" and "The Little Princess," with Shirley Temple. Altogether she has been in about 30 pictures.

Local Products To Be Shown

Samples of products manufactured in Hongkong will be on display at the fourth annual Chinese Products exhibition to be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union on December 22 opposite Peninsula Hotel.

The exhibition will be opened by H.E. the Acting Governor, Lt-General R. F. Norton, and will continue until January 2.

It is understood that the exhibition will be the largest of its kind ever held in the Colony. Over 200 factories will display their products at 212 stalls built on an area of 70,000 sq. feet.

given the charge of information services.

Laval's Arrest Confirmed

Vichy, Dec. 15.

It was confirmed to-day that Laval had been detained. However, censorship prohibited mention of any details.

Cabinet met to-day, the session lasting all the morning.—United Press.

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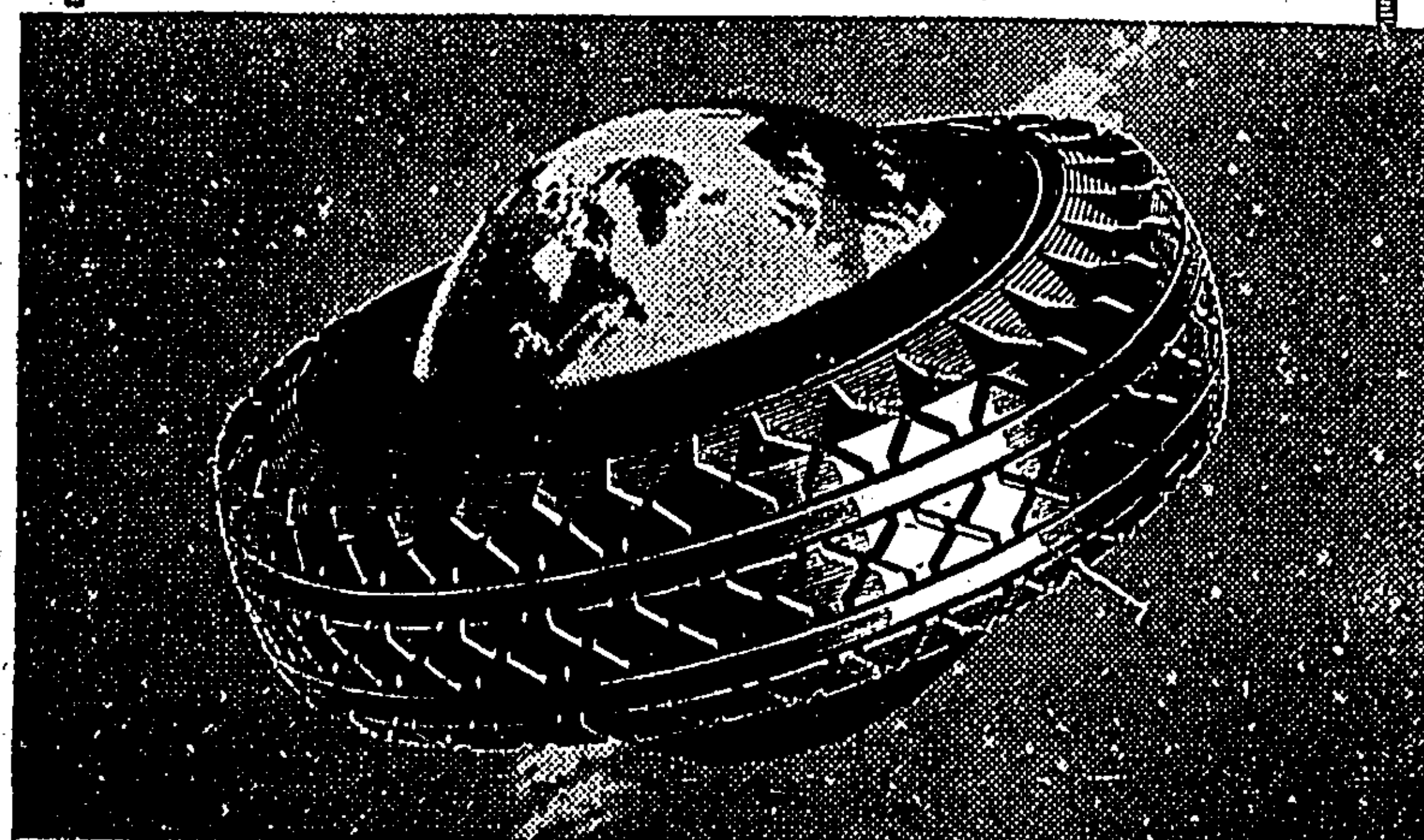
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CAIRO, DEC. 15 (REUTER).—TWENTY-SIX ITALIAN AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED IN INTENSIVE R.A.F. ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE CONTINUED IN SUPPORT OF THE LAND OPERATIONS OF THE ARMY.

TWENTY-FOUR OF THEM WERE SHOT DOWN BY FIGHTERS WHICH MAINTAINED AN INCESSANT PATROL THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN PROTECTION OF ADVANCED BRITISH TROOPS.

HARD FIGHTING CONTINUES

British Advance In Sandstorm

(“Reuter’s” Special Correspondent)

CAIRO, Dec. 15.—Hard fighting is still in progress on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier in a whirling sandstorm, according to latest reports received here.

Exact details of the operations are as yet not available but British casualties are still known to be very slight despite determined major scrapping.

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

Naval Units Engaged

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Italian submarine, *Naiade*, has been sunk by British destroyers, states a communique from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, received by the Admiralty.

The submarine had attempted to interfere with operations, which British naval forces are continuing along the coast in support of the Army between Sidi Barrani and Bardia.

Enemy U-boats also attacked a naval unit but without success and the attack was driven off.

Naval participation in the heavy attack on Bardia is revealed by a communique which says that a night bombardment on that port was carried out with successful result.

Compulsory Service Tribunal

It is notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, December 20, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

LATEST

A number of other enemy aircraft were damaged but their destruction is not confirmed.

About 50 Capronis were patrolling over Bardia, but the British bombers persisted in the attack, causing heavy damage.

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed at Derna and others were severely damaged.

One fighter squadron of our advanced forces alone accounted for 14 Savoias and four Capronis. Three more Savoias and three Capronis were shot down by other squadrons.

From these operations, only three of our aircraft failed to return safely, but it is probable that at least one is safe on our side of the line.

Grotone Harbour was raided for the first time by our bombers on the night of December 13 and on the same night, Fleet Air Arm aircraft successfully attacked Tripoli, securing direct hits on two ships.

Hits Registered

In the heavy attack on Bardia, barracks and warehouses were demolished and a large fire was started, followed by explosions both there and at Tobruk. One ship still burning from the raid on the previous day.

At Sollum, barracks and other military objectives were heavily raided. All bombs dropped at Grotone Harbour burst along the water front while at Tripoli, where shipping in the harbour was the main objective, two hits were registered on one ship and an explosion followed the bombing of a second.

Asmara, Gura Zulu and Danghilla were successfully raided in Italian East Africa.

LOTHIAN FUNERAL RITES

Impressive U.S. Ceremony

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Funeral services for the late Lord Lothian were held with full honours at Washington Cathedral this afternoon.

United States cavalry escorted the caisson bearing the body from the Embassy to the Cathedral through avenues cleared of traffic by hundreds of police and lined with silent people.

President Roosevelt, who is spending the week-end at Warm Springs, Georgia, after his Caribbean cruise, was represented at the service by his secretary, Mr. Stephen Early.

Mrs. Roosevelt attended personally. Mr. Neville Butler, Charge d’Affaires at the British Embassy, represented the King and the Earl of Athlone and Mr. Mackenzie King (Governor-General and Prime Minister of Canada respectively) were also represented.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps and many high officials were present. A private cremation was held later in the afternoon at another service at the church.

French Shipping Line Taken Over

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, the Great French Shipping Line, is now being taken over by the Vichy Government as a result of the Cabinet meeting under Marshal Petain to day. In future, the Company’s Chairman will be nominated by the State and of ten directors, eight will be nominated by the Government and two by shareholders.

Hungry French Raid Thai Towns For Food

Special to the “Telegraph”

BANGKOK, Dec. 15 (UP).—It is officially stated by Thai sources that a shortage of foodstuffs has caused widespread distress on the French side of the Mekong frontier, resulting in the frequent raiding of Thai towns by hungry French and Annamite units who are seeking food.

The report added that all French civilians have evacuated the Mekong region.

Aerial Activity

UDORN, Dec. 15 (UP).—Thai planes took off from the Udorn base at 5 a.m. on Friday when they were warned that French planes were approaching. They returned an hour later, the enemy having failed to put in an appearance. Military circles believe that refugees have exaggerated the reports of air raids. However, they admitted that Udorn had been raided twice on December 10 and 12, where three persons were killed and seven injured.

The natives pointed out holes in the tree trunks, apparently caused by machine-gun bullets. Hand grenades were dropped within 100 yards of the railway station, but none hit the tracks.

Military officials declared that the French bombed a forest 10 miles east of Udorn.

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THE ITALIANS ARE FLEEING BEFORE THEM

The brilliant work of the mechanised units has largely made possible the British victory in the Western Desert. This official photograph shows one of the armoured car units which have been operating in the advance on Libya. When the picture was taken officers of the unit were making good use of a “brolly” at the side of their car during a halt.



BRITISH FORCES ADVANCE 200 MILES ACROSS DESERT

(“Reuter” In The Western Desert)

December 15.—I have just arrived in Sidi Barrani after two days of travel across the desert by the 200-mile route followed by our mechanised forces at the beginning of their drive into Libya.

Only after such a journey is it possible to appreciate the magnitude of the British victory.

Throughout the trip we passed an almost ceaseless stream of captured Italian tanks, lorries, armoured cars and prisoners being taken back to the bases. At some points we saw Italian ammunition dumps all intact, covering an area of two square miles.

Although a breakdown delayed our cars we were able to push on without touching any of our rations knowing that we would find dumps of Italian food along the route. The Italians destroyed virtually nothing at Sollum as they did not have the time to do so.

Only when the great fortified encampment of Nibeiwa, where our armoured division wiped out General Maletti’s crack desert column in a couple of hours after the British blitz had begun, has been seen, can the brilliance of this initial victory be fully appreciated.

Comparable To Sedan

The importance of this success is comparable to the battle of Sedan since it opened the way to all that followed.

At Nibeiwa, General Maletti had established a base from which he planned to invade Egypt. The encampment, which has a circumference of about four miles, was protected outside by landmines and inside by 18-pounder, field, machine and A.A. guns.

The camp contained 3,500 of Italy’s best Libyan troops led by Italian officers.

Their fire at Sidi Barrani was extremely heavy and elsewhere when the British tanks got among them, their guns put up a hot though ineffective fire.

It is still impossible to estimate the total Italian casualties but they were certainly heavy and they are believed to have lost thousands of killed and wounded while, in addition, a number of high officers have been captured.

Axis Press On Egypt-Greece

Final Round In U.K.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—After its announcement on Saturday that the situation was “serious but not catastrophic,” Rome Radio to-day plucked up more courage and congratulated the British putting up such a good show.

The announcer said, “We always thought that the British would not give us a good fight and thus deprive our final victory of glory.”

The German press, which for weeks maintained an exaggerated indifference to the plight of Germans to-day assured the German people that all would come right in the end. The Voelkische Beobachter said, “In the Voelkische Beobachter’s opinion, the situation in Greece and Egypt gives no ground for anxiety.”

Nazi Not Helping

BASEL, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—According to the *Wilhelmer*, the unfavourable turn in Italian operations in Albania and Egypt will not influence German military decisions or lead Germany to give Italy active assistance, says the Berlin correspondent of the *Basler Nachrichten*.

Germany, he adds, is tenaciously sticking to her plan to seek a final decision against Britain in the British Isles themselves.

Remains of Dictator’s Son Returned to Paris

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The remains of the Duke of Reichstadt, son of Napoleon I and Empress Marie Louise, which have been transferred to Paris from Vienna were placed next to Napoleon’s tomb in the Hotel des Invalides in an elaborate, midnight ceremony, according to the German-controlled Paris wireless.

The coffin arrived in the Gare de l’Est escorted by German soldiers bearing torches late on Saturday evening and was taken to the Hotel des Invalides on a gun-carriage. Anti-aircraft guns fired a salute while German guards carried the coffin to the entrance where at 1 a.m. the German Ambassador formally turned it over to Admiral Darlan, representing Marshal Petain.

French municipal guards then carried the coffin into the chapel and placed it, draped with the Tricolour, at the foot of Napoleon’s tomb.

\$1,000 Donation To Bomber Fund

Further contributions to the Bomber Fund were received this morning, including a cheque for \$1,000 from His Honour, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Singer Passes

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Madame Blanche Marchesi, the well-known oratorio and concert singer, died in London to-day, aged 72.

She had sung before all the crowned heads of Europe and pupils came from all over the world to her singing academy in London.

Canadian Minister Rescued

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, has informed the Canadian authorities that Mr. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply, is safe.

Mr. Howe was a passenger on the British liner *Western Prince*, which was torpedoed 400 miles north-west of the Irish coast on Saturday morning. Mr. Howe had been on a visit to Great Britain with other Canadian officials.

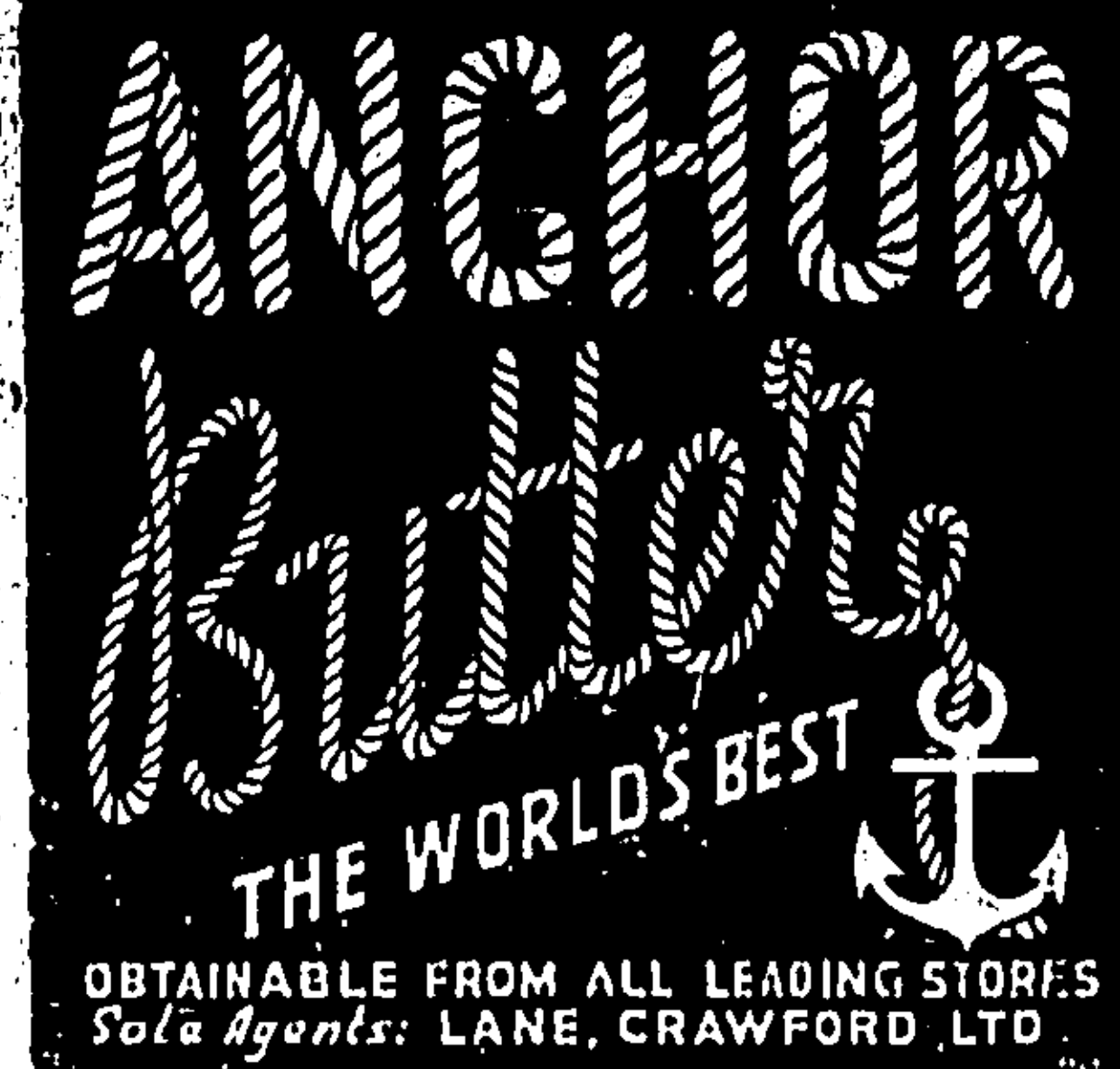
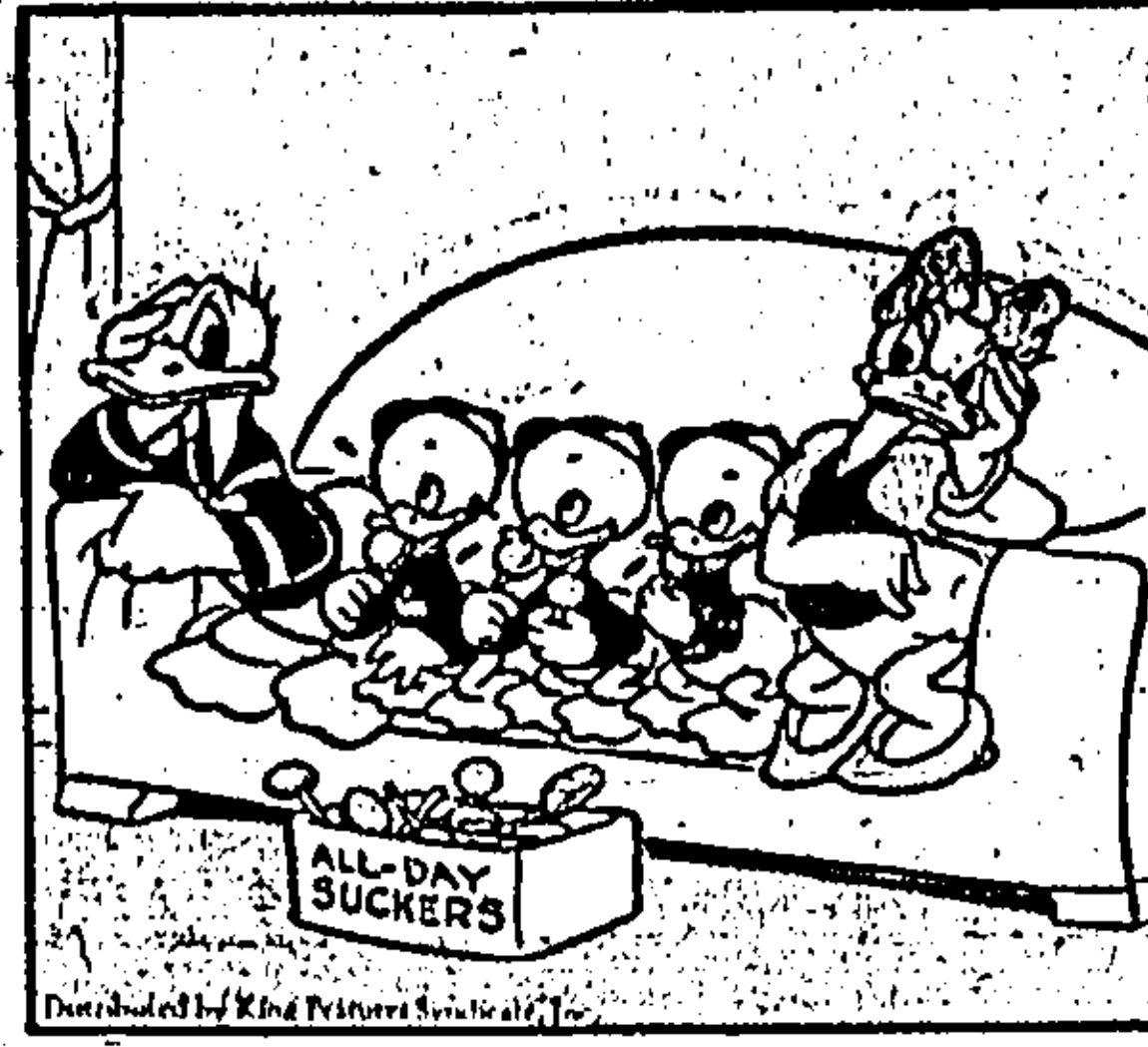
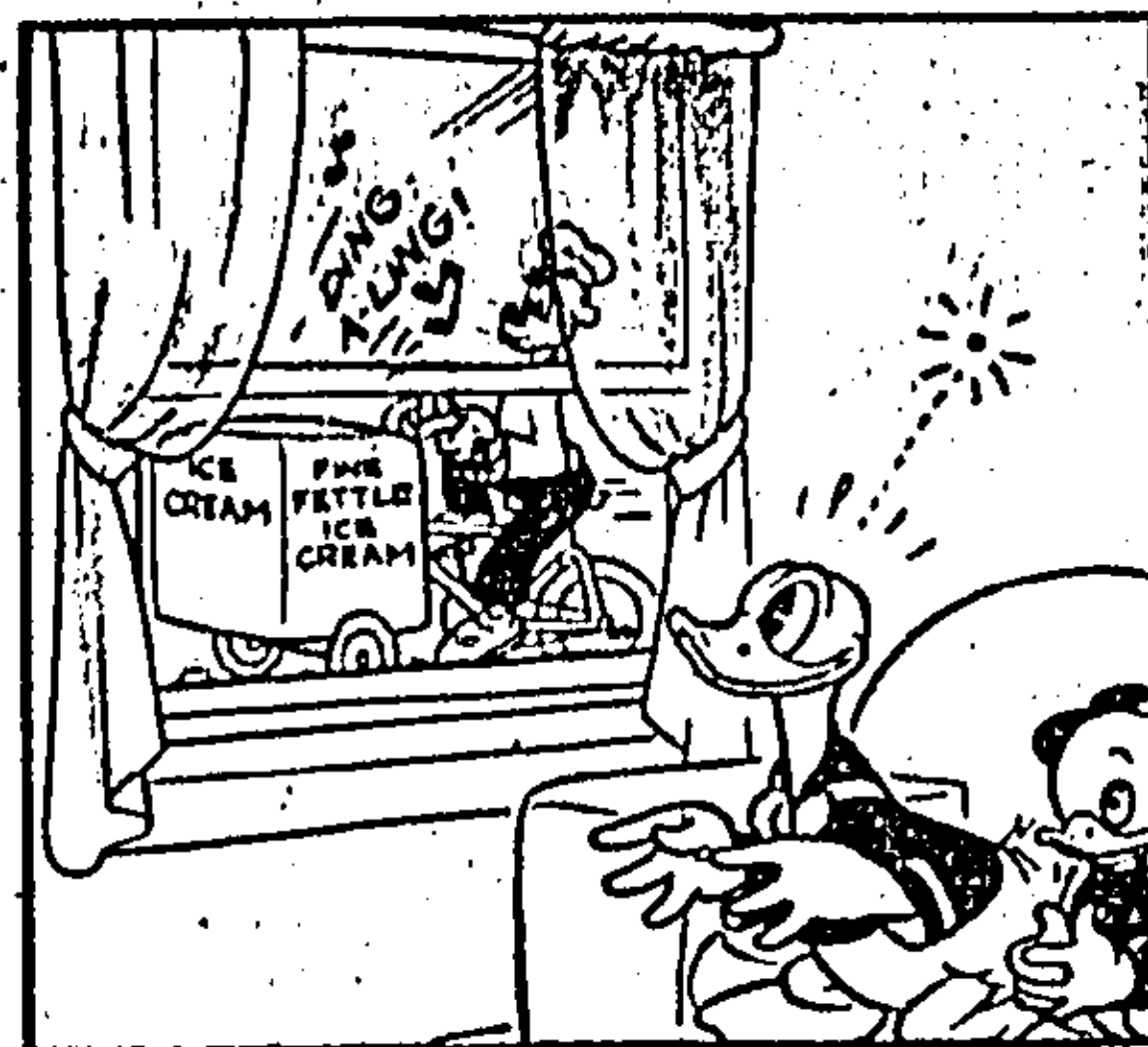
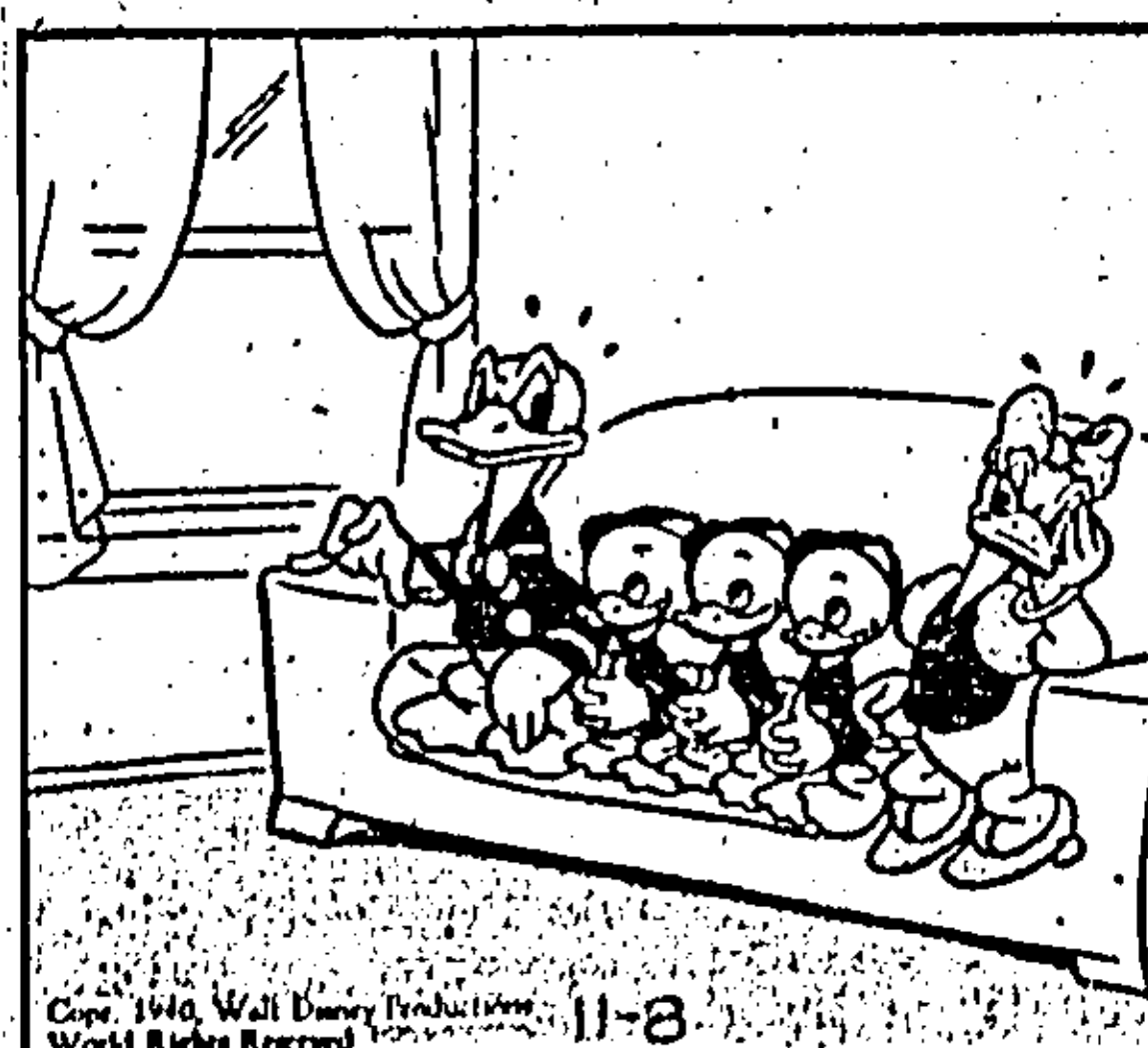
In Torpedoed Liner

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, has informed the Canadian authorities that Mr. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply, is safe.

Mr. Howe was a passenger on the British liner *Western Prince*, which was torpedoed 400 miles north-west of the Irish coast on Saturday morning. Mr. Howe had been on a visit to Great Britain with other Canadian officials.

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Volunteer Orders

The following portion of Volunteer Orders was crowded out of Saturday's issue:

Appointment & Promotion
Pte. H. W. Bonner, A.S.C. Coy. to be L/Cpl. Sikkim. C. Hatt, Fort. Sig. Coy. to be Sgt.

Leave—Pte. S. W. Mark, No. 7 Coy. 11.14.40-12.41; Gnr. A. V. Kolachoff, 1st Bty. 10.11.40-11.12; Pte. J. F. Huxley, Mob. Coy. 2.11.40-2.12; Pte. D. H. Knox, No. 1 Coy. 1.12.40-1.13; Pte. L. J. Silva, No. 5 Coy. 2.12.40-2.13; Sgt. S. C. Clark, P.O. Amb. 2.12.40-2.13; Gnr. F. O. Reed, 8th A.A. Bty. 2.12.40-2.13; Pte. K. Schoultz, Mob. Coy. 2.12.40-2.13; Pte. M. A. Oliveira, P.O. Amb. 2.12.40-2.13; Gnr. K. Brock, 1st Bty. 10.12.40-10.13; Cpl. C. C. Quah, No. 3 Coy. 10.12.40-10.13; Pte. R. V. Godler, No. 1 Coy. 12.12.40-12.13; Gnr. J. Harrop, 1st Bty. 12.12.40-1.1.41; Pte. O. A. McCaskie, No. 1 Coy. 12.12.40-1.1.41; Major J. P. Sherry, Fort. Sig. Coy. 17.12.40-1.1.41; Gnr. J. R. A. Pearson, 8th A.A. Bty. 17.12.40-1.1.41; Pte. W. K. Cornock, Mob. Coy. 2.12.40-2.13; Gnr. J. G. McKenna, Mob. Coy. 10.12.40-10.13; Pte. J. B. Kootie, A.S.C. Coy. 2.12.40-2.13; Pte. H. King, No. 1 Coy. 4.12.40-4.13; Pte. R. M. C. Dobbs, No. 1 Coy. 4.12.40-4.13; Pte. R. C. F. MacGregor, No. 1 Coy. 4.12.40-4.13.

Strength-Increase—Gnr. M. A. Blerens de Hout, 1st Bty. 12.12.40-1.1.41; Pte. J. C. Williams, Club Billiards Tournament Result—Preliminary Round: 11.12.40, C. Williams 200, Sgt. J. C. Williams 200, L/Cpl. A. P. Pereira 200, Sgt. M. N. Lickman 200, Pte. V. J. Williams 200, Pte. M. M. de Silva 200, Pte. J. F. Lickman 200. Total: 1,600.

"C" Coy. 9/15. C.Q.M.S. Graham 124, Sgt. Whittly 101, Sgt. Henderson 63, L/Cpl. Jenkins 120, Pte. Ughelli 100, Pte. Waters 100, Pte. Fraser 138, Pte. Jenkins 102. Total: 1,001.

Rowing—The Inter-unit Championship four will be rowed at Deepwater Bay on December 21. Crews participating in the first heat should be at the Yacht Club House at Middle Island, ready to take the water at 2.45 p.m. There is a free, same-day service to the club house where refreshments are available. The order of heats will be: 1. First Bty. A. No. 1 Coy. Mobile Column, 2. Second Bty. No. 2 Coy. Corps Bismarck, 3. First Bty. B. No. 7 Coy. Stanley Platoon. Winners of heats will row off the final. Units who have not yet done so are asked to send in their entry fees (\$2 per crew) at an early date.

URBAN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER LICENCE APPLICATIONS

At to-morrow's meeting of the Urban Council, the following applications will be considered:

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The vessel is of the Sholler Deck type designed for a carrying capacity of 9,000 tons and fitted with Diesel Machinery.

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NOTICE

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R. A. CAMIDGE,
Manager

FOR EVACUATES HONGKONG'S NEWS OF THE WEEK

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Talk on Ballet From The Studio

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a frequency of 845 k.c., and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 6-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c. per second.

H.K.T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 A Light Irish Programme with Danny Malone (Tenor).

1.0 Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Roy Fox & Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

2.15 Close down.

3.30 Closing Stock Quotations.

6.32 Popular Dance Music.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Talk on Ballet Illustrated by records.

8.0 Time Signal, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.0 London Relay—News Commentary.

9.30 Compositions of Elgar.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Edward Elgar, Concerto for Violoncello and Orchestra, Op. 85, Beatrice Harrison (Cello) and the New Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Edward Elgar, Spem Musical Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone), with Piano.

10.0 Selections from Grand Opera.

10.30 Gounod—"Faust" Ballet Music.

Symphony Orchestra.

10.45 Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano.

11.0 Close down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, says: A firm undertone with renewed enquiries ruled the market at the close.

Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1,300
Bank of East Asia \$74
Canton Bank \$105
Wharves \$92
Docks "O" \$17.75
Providents \$5.45
Hotels \$3.45
Lands \$33.50
Realties \$3.70
Trams \$17.50
Star Ferries \$59.50
Electricity "O" \$40
Electricity "N" \$39.50
Watsons \$10.30
Entertainments \$7
Constructions "O" \$1.00

Sellers
Realties \$3.95
Electricity "O" \$40.50
Vibro Piling \$7.70

Sales
Docks "O" \$18
Providents \$5.50
Lands \$33.75
Trams \$17.60/70
Cements \$18.20

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Crossword Puzzle

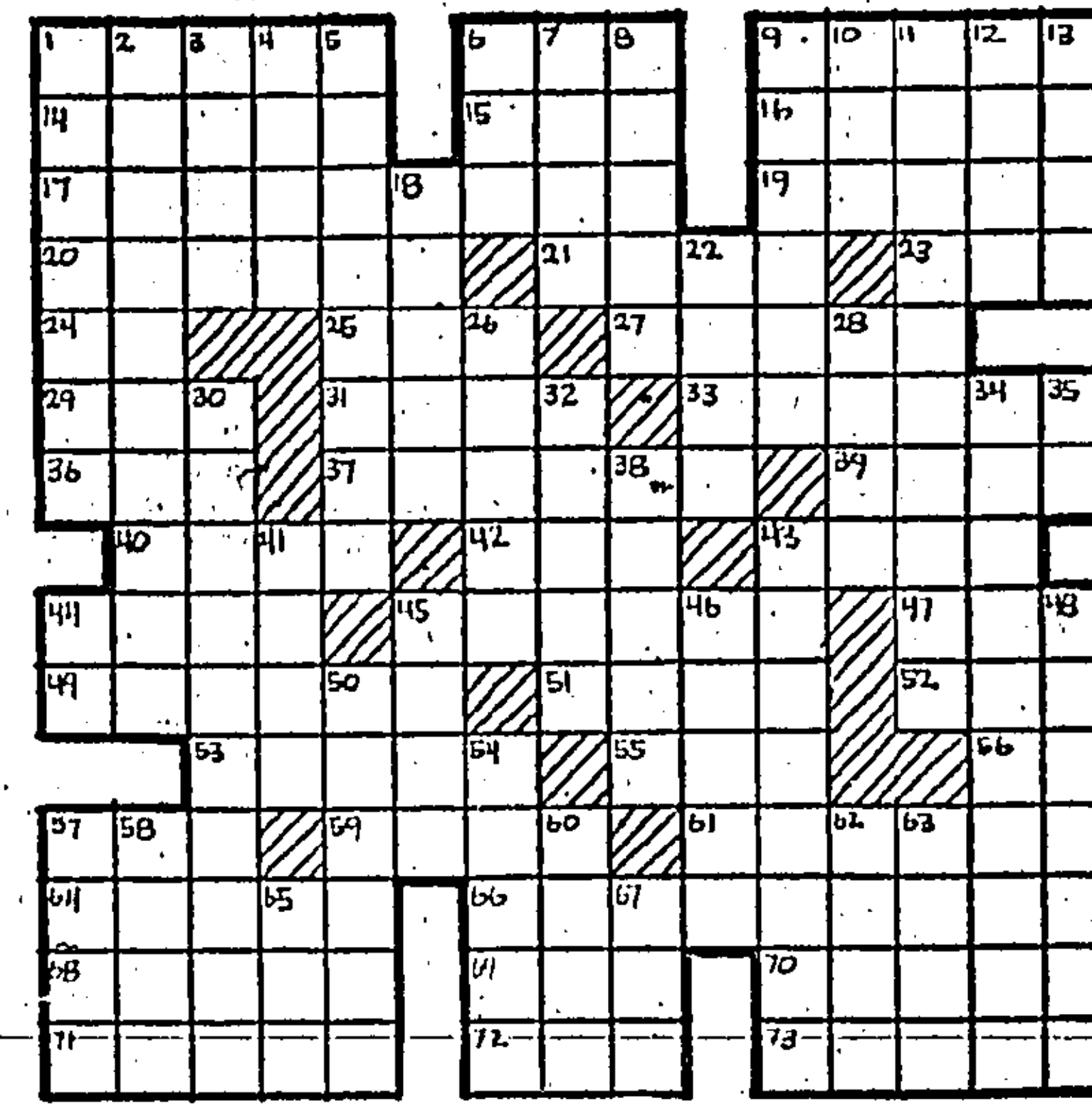
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

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2—Puss on cloth
3—Tubes
4—Unaccompanied
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DOWN

1—Proper abode
2—One who works out carefully
3—Part of ear
4—Precious stone
5—Wire message
6—Dance of court
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SELLING

T.T. London 1/2 1/2
Demand London 1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai 1/2 1/2
T.T. Singapore 1/2 1/2
T.T. Japan 1/2 1/2
T.T. India 1/2 1/2
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T.T. Manila 1/2 1/2
T.T. Batavia 1/2 1/2
T.T. Bangkok 1/2 1/2
T.T. Saigon 1/2 1/2
T.T. France 1/2 1/2
T.T. Switzerland 1/2 1/2
T.T. Australia 1/2 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London 1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London 1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 24 1/2
4 m/s France 24 1/2
30 d/s India 24 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. 4.03 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$..... 1,305 b.
H.K. Banks £..... 70 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £..... 81 n.
Chartered £..... 20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £..... 10 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. & E. £..... 10 1/2 n.
East Asia £..... 74 b.

INSURANCES
Canton \$..... 185 b.
Union \$..... 395 n.
China Underwriters \$..... 1 n.
H.K. Fire \$..... 160 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$..... 135 n.
Steamboats \$..... 11 n.
Indo-China P. \$..... 100 n.
Indo-China D. \$..... 80 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$..... 37/6 n.
Waterboats \$..... 7 n.

DOCKETS ETC.
Wharves \$..... 92 b.
Docks (old) \$..... 10 n.
Docks (new) \$..... 7 1/4 b.
Providents \$..... 5.45 b.
Shal Dockyards \$..... 30 n.

MINING
Kallan s/- 16/3 n.
Raub's \$..... 0 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines 1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels \$..... 3.65 s.
Lands \$..... 33 1/2 s.
Lands 4 1/2 Debetures 100 n.
Shal Lands Sh \$..... 11 1/2 n.
Humphreys \$..... 7 1/4 b.
H.K. Realties \$..... 3.95 s.
Chinese Estates \$..... 100 n.

UTILITIES
Trams \$..... 17.05 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$..... 7 1/4 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$..... 3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries \$..... 60 b.
Y. Ferries \$..... 24 1/4 n.
China Lights (old) \$ c.d. 7.30 b.
China Lights (new) \$ c.d. 7.05 b.
H.K. Electric (old) \$..... 40 1/2 s.
H.K. Electric (new) \$..... 39 1/2 s.
Macao Electric (old) \$..... 17 1/4 n.
Macao Electric (new) \$..... 10 1/4 n.
Sundakan Light \$..... 25 1/4 b.
Telephones (old) \$..... 25 1/4 b.
Telephones (new) \$..... 10.20 b.

INDUSTRIALS
Caid: Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$..... 14.00 n.
Caid: Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$..... 12 n.
Canton Ice \$..... 1 n.
Cements \$..... 18.20 sa.
H.K. Ropes \$..... 7 n.

STOCKS, &c.
Dairy Farms \$..... 18.00 n.
Watsons \$..... 10.30 b.
Lane Crawford \$..... 9 n.
Sincere \$..... 2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$..... 39 n.
Powell Ltd. \$..... 1 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. \$..... 37 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. \$..... 105 n.

MISC.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 % 98 n.
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Ch. Govt. 5 1/2 % 1928 G.Bds. 8 1/2 % 7 b.
H.K. Entertainments \$..... 1.00 b.
Constructions (new) \$..... 1 n.
Vibro Piling \$..... 7/6 s.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/- 7/6 s.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 2/0 n.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore. Dec. 16. U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai. (San Francisco date, 18th November). Always Dec. 16. Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th December Dec. 17. Canton Dec. 17. Canada; U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai. (Vancouver B.C., date, 27th Nov.). Dec. 17. Calcutta and Straits Dec. 17. Sandakan Dec. 20. Australia and Manila Dec. 23. London and Straits Dec. 24. U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd Dec.) Dec. 26. U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date, 6th December) Dec. 26. Calcutta and Straits Dec. 27. Java and Manila Dec. 27.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways" and Trans-Atlantic Service" K.P.O. Reg. Dec. 17, 5 p.m. Ord. Dec. 17, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O.

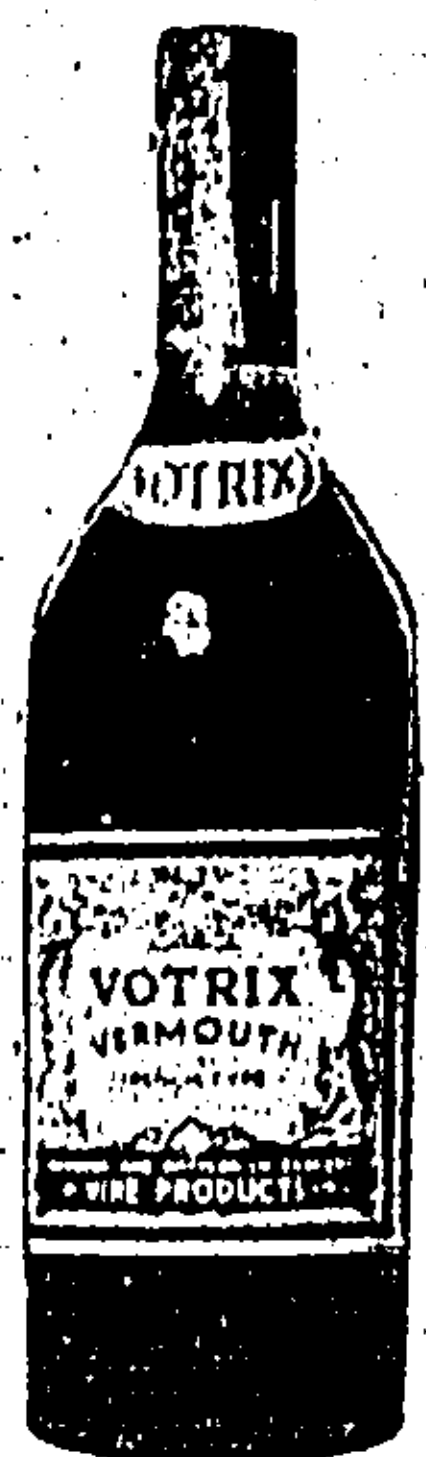
Reg. Dec. 17, 5 p.m. Ord. Dec. 17, 5 p.m. Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and United Kingdom. K. P. O. Parcels Dec. 17, 5 p.m. Ord. Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m. G. P. O.

Parcels Dec. 17, 5 p.m. Reg. Dec. 17, 5 p.m. Ord. Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18

Canton 7.15 a.m. Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m. Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Dec. 18, 5.00 p.m. Ord. Dec. 18, 5.30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20

Haliphong 10.30 a.m. Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect



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Cracks in Hitler's Armour

DURING the spring and early summer Hitler's sweeping attacks on neutral and largely unprepared countries followed by his final "blitzkrieg" on France blinded the world to the weak spots in his armour. To-day these dents have become definite cracks. Having failed to carry his "conquest" of France to Britain's shores Hitler lost his golden opportunity, since which he has been turning this way and that in his efforts to administer a "knock-out blow" to the British.

That Hitler's march to Paris was not so victorious as he would have the world believe has since been evidenced by the difficulties he has encountered in negotiations with Vichy—a fact which is beginning to convince the whole of Europe that General de Gaulle was right when he declared in his proclamation from London on November 9 that "France has lost a battle, but France has not lost the war!"

Not many weeks ago the world was edified by the news that the German Fuehrer, dropping his role of dictator, had decided to travel to Spain for the purpose of making a personal attempt to include that country in the Axis. Spain's answer was plain when Senor Suner, in collaboration with Sir Samuel Hoare, the British Ambassador, signed a financial agreement with Britain. This may not signify that Spain has definitely turned her back on the Axis but it certainly indicates that she is not sure of Hitler's final victory in the war and therefore prefers to remain neutral for the time being. The Bulgarian king, at the time of Rumania's collapse went to see Hitler and for a few days observers feared that he too was being drawn into the German net. But in the meantime Greece, which has always manfully rejected German propaganda and intrigue, showed the spirit of the people by defying Italy to do her worst. The subsequent successes of Greek arms probably had something to do with Bulgaria's later statements that above all things she desired to maintain her neutrality. Whatever the reason for his ignominious attack on Greece, the Duce misjudged the fighting power of the Grecian army. To-day as a result, reports declare that Hitler is trying to persuade Turkey to accept the role of mediator. The Grecian position, aided by the British navy, air force, and materials is, however, sufficiently favourable to repudiate all such attempts. It would also be dangerous to talk "peace" at this stage as Mussolini, even if an armistice were declared, would have the time he badly needs, in which to repair his losses.

Whatever Greece decides to do, Hitler's armour shows signs of further cracks. Russia is not proving so amenable in regard to Japan as Germany had hoped. If Russia continues her aid to China as she has declared she will, Japan must retain a strong force in Manchuria, thus making the long promised drive southwards more hazardous and less

Liberty's Legions are ready...

By Harry Levin

SOMEWHERE in Palestine. Behind a gate inscribed with the simple word "Pax," a palm-girdled monastery looks down upon a military camp.

Two thousand years ago the Legions of Rome were encamped here.

To-day it is a Polish Legion which lives in its sunbathed tents. Below the white walls of the monastery its bugles ring out as a great fire leaps towards the sky. It is a huge pyre lit by torches brought by runners from that holy fire that burns in the sepulchres of Jerusalem.

It is burning in memory of the tens of thousands that fell for the Liberty of Poland.

Across the darkening plain comes the haunting melody of Poland's famous hymn of freedom sung by thousands of voices.

Most of these Poles passed through the furnace of the Polish campaign of a year ago and succeeded in reaching the Black Sea coast, sometimes in groups, sometimes singly, until they were able to form an Eastern brigade which eventually took up its headquarters in Syria.

Almost every one of them has his Odyssey.

One—he has an Irish ancestor—passed through the German lines, thanks to the pass he had filched from the body of a dead spy.

One, stripping the uniform from a dead Hussar, got near the German lines. Then he was able to disguise himself as a peasant woman, and it was his feminine "wink" that succeeded in getting him past the guards.

The Polish Eagle

The Polish brigade left for Palestine when France capitulated. It includes Marshal Pilsudski's Legionnaires and the pick of the youth of Poland.

Tanned, friendly and smart, they march along with the Polish Eagle proudly displayed upon their kakis—the broad-brimmed cap worn by the French Foreign Legion.

This is not the first time the Polish Eagle has been seen in these parts. Nearly 150 years ago Napoleon himself praised the valour of the Polish Legionnaires who played such a big part in his Eastern campaign.

Brothers in Arms

This meeting round the campfire also emphasises the closeness of the brotherhood in arms of the many "Legions of Liberty" gathered up and down the Holy Land—many of whose representatives are guests of the Polish Brigade to-night.

There are the Czechs, austere men whose sun-helmets bear the symbol of the Lime leaf. Most of them came from Syria after the German occupation but some saw Prague's final humiliation, and succeeded in escaping by methods which even now cannot be revealed.

One of them was arrested because he raised his clenched hand towards heaven as he stood before the Czechoslovakian Unknown Warrior's tomb on the day of the invasion.

attractive. The "conquered" countries in West Europe, while theoretically dominated by Germany, are beginning to show increasing courage and tenacity in their opposition to German rule. It was only last week that German troops stationed in Norway had to be put on a war footing because of hostile acts. It is also known throughout Holland that some 500 of her erstwhile leading administrators are imprisoned in German concentration camps, while Belgium and France are not faring much better. As for Poland the situation is reported to be horrible beyond description. Each country although submitting to German domination, is a seething caldron of discontent and cannot but see Hitler's military strength, a fact which he must recognise with some repugnance.

Spain, for France when Franco won the civil war.

They volunteered bodily for this new war for liberty and were sent to Syria. One young man speaking for them all said, "We long for home, but we do not wish to go there until Fascism is crushed."

R.A.F. Preferred

Among the Palestine volunteers who have thronged to the colours are farmers, craftsmen, students and professional men.

The biggest rush has been to join the R.A.F., which for a fortnight has had to close its recruiting offices. After only a few weeks training these recruits have achieved the smartness which is inseparable from the R.A.F.'s blue uniform.

This camp fire is symbolic of all other camp fires in Palestine, where Britons, Australians, New Zealanders, Rhodesians and many others argue in a strange mixture of languages.

They exchange experiences, in love and other things, pass round their sweethearts' and children's photographs and, as soldiers have done from time immemorial, arrange meetings to be held when peace has been declared.

Men of Faith

The fate which has assembled in the Holy Land these men from Manchester and Cracow, from Melbourne and Bruno, has crystallised their unshakable determination and unshakable faith in the victory which is to Spanish Republicans who left be Britain's.

Spain's Unit

The longest pilgrimage to this camp of Liberty has been made by the smallest unit, that of the Spanish Republicans who left

DUNKIRK

"SO LONG as the English tongue survives, the word Dunkirk will be spoken with reverence. For in that harbour, in such a hell as never blazed on earth before, at the end of a lost battle, the rags and blemishes that have hidden the soul of democracy fell away. There, beaten but unconquered, in shining splendour, she faced the enemy.

They sent away the wounded first, men died so that others could escape. It was not so simple a thing as courage, which the Nazis had in plenty. It was not so simple a thing as discipline, which can be hammered into men by a drill sergeant. It was not the result of careful planning, for there could have been little. It was the common man of the free countries, rising in all his glory out of mill, office, factory, mine, farm and ship, applying to war the lessons learned when he went down the shaft to bring out trapped comrades, when he hurried the lifeboat through the surf, when he endured poverty and hard work for his children's sake.

This shining thing in the souls of free men Hitler cannot command, or attain, or conquer. He has crushed it, where he could, from German hearts.

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FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"All I wanted was a free physical examination. I was positive they'd find SOMETHING wrong!"

The Mere Man

The Duke of Windsor

The most democratic of British royal personages of the twentieth century, the Duke of Windsor, is also probably the most distinguished of Britons for all-round, universal popularity. There is hardly a place where his name is known that he is not fondly regarded with the friendliest affection, and nowhere outside of the Empire is this more true than in the United States. On his visits to the great American Republic as the Prince of Wales, Edward early carved for himself a niche in American hearts, and a very sure testimony of the love which Americans feel for him may be found in the remark made by a Middle West farmer, who said, after he met him, "Taint bad if these United States had some Prince feller jest like him!"

It is the name of the Duke of Windsor that springs most readily to mind when I think of the most happy choice Mr Churchill can make for the position of Ambassador in Washington, left vacant with such sudden untimeliness by the death of Lord Lothian. There is not a single doubt that at this most important of times, and when a new era of Anglo-American co-operation is coming into being, Britain should have a representative at Washington who is not only well-liked but who can be trusted implicitly for whatever he does by the American in every walk of life. Lord Lothian was such a man, and fulfilled the highest expectations of his position. He earned the confidence of Americans because of his natural simplicity of heart, his disdain of the diplomatic tradition of mystery and intrigue, and his "common touch." Britain must select someone to replace him who can, in the same way, reach right home to the individual American.

There may be other eminent men, but even greater. Ambassador, who have even greater training and experience for the work than the Duke of Windsor, but there cannot be one who, if appointed, will be instantly accepted with such spontaneous goodwill. I have three reasons for favouring the Duke: firstly, for his own personal popularity; secondly, for the fact that he is married to an American, and thirdly, for the fact that such an appointment would be a means of placing Great Britain back in the good books of those Americans who, rightly or wrongly, felt that their country had been slighted because Edward had to abdicate on account of his American wife.

The Prime Minister, who is one of the Duke's staunchest friends, must certainly concur with all the factors—and it may be sure that his choice, whatever it may be, will not have been made without consideration of these factors.

It was Lord Lothian who was quoted as saying that Hollywood is playing its part in maintaining British morale. The cinema, in these times when nations are struggling for their national existence, is certainly a welcome relief from terrifying experiences.

Britain is receiving more American films than for many years since the cinema system went into force, but European countries sadly miss them, especially those countries whose populace must be kept satisfied and mentally keyed to the war effort.

The radio in Germany and Italy is not a vehicle for entertainment but for propaganda, and cannot take the place of the films. In Britain now, the radio must also largely be occupied with war news, warnings and official advice, though a great deal of pure, delightful entertainment is still being provided. So even "radio opera" and thriller serials are doing their bit in the fight of free peoples against totalitarian tyranny.

"To Whet Your Whistle" I had always imagined that the phrase "to whet your whistle" dated probably from Harry Weldon or one of the North Country comedians. But here it is bobbing up in the seventeenth century. Isaac Walton's "Piscator" remarks, "Let's o'en say grace, and turn to the fire, drink the other cup to whet our whistles, and so sing away all sad thoughts."

Incidentally, I had always thought the phrase was "to wet your whistle." I had never read Walton. It seems to me the perfect book for these days, with no apologies to the consummate asses and dolts who call anything but a sordid, realistic novel, or a treatise on local government, boards, "the literature of escape."

—Claudius

TORPEDOED BOY SAVED STAMPS

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Derek Fairhurst, who lives in a London suburban town, made one condition when his parents proposed he and his sister Doreen, aged 10, should go to Canada as evacuees.

It was that he should be allowed to take his stamp collection, containing 1,000 stamps of Europe as it was before Hitler changed it.

His mother objected that warm clothes were more important, and as luggage was strictly limited the collection must give way.

Derek argued that he had taken years to collect the stamps. With Europe at war, some of them were valuable and irreplaceable.

His father persuaded Mrs. Fairhurst, reluctantly, to let him put his stamps before warm clothes.

Derek was one of the children saved from a ship which was attacked by a U-boat in the Atlantic.

All He Had

He and 200 other rescued children from London and the Home Counties arrived back at Euston.

And when his father met Derek and Doreen the boy had his precious stamp book with him.

"It was the only thing I had time to save," he said.

"When we felt the bump I just grabbed it, and went to see my sister safely out."

"Many other children were awfully sick in the small boat, for it tossed up and down so, but I wasn't. I'm a good sailor. The sailors said so."

"I clutched my book all the way home."

"I think a lot of my stamps."

This is Derek's second adventure at sea.

"Three years ago," said his father, "I took him out to see the Queen Mary after her record-breaking trip."

"We got stuck on a sandbank in the Channel. The ship was in some danger, and we signalled for help. But Derek enjoyed every minute of it."

Soldier's Alleged Bigamy

A Battery Quarter-Master Sergeant, Charles Harold Taylor, was accused at Birmingham recently of committing bigamy three months after he had married his second wife.

Mr. M. P. Pugh, prosecuting, said Taylor was divorced by his first wife and married Mrs. Margaret Lillian Taylor, of Chelmsford Road, Lillington, in July last year.

Mrs. Brenda Annie Weston said she met Taylor at a dance in a midland town and "married" him on October 21. She regularly received £3.5s. 6d. a week from him.

Both women expressed their loyalty to Taylor in the witness-box.

His wife said: "I am still fond of him, and will forgive him if he will be true to me."

Mrs. Weston said: "He stands by me, and I stand by him."

Taylor was sent for trial and was allowed bail.

Earl Beatty To Command "U.S." Ship

Lieut. Commander Earl Beatty, R.N., son of the former First Sea Lord, it is understood, will be appointed to command one of the fifty American destroyers sold to the British Navy.

Earl Beatty, who is thirty-five, resigned his commission in the Leicestershire Yeomanry after the outbreak of war to join the Navy.

Viscountess Beatty was formerly an American, Mrs. Dorothy Sandes.

Gas-Proofing Of Raid Shelters To Go Ahead

Authorities responsible for public air raid shelters in Britain have been told to examine their arrangements for gas-proofing the shelters in accordance with schemes prepared some time ago.

Military authorities along the South Coast have for some time been instructing the forces in their command in gas precautions in view of the possibilities at any time now of an attempt at invasion by the enemy.

It is considered possible that the Germans may include the use of poison gas as part of the preliminaries for an invasion.

The possibility that submarines might be used for such an attack from the Channel has not been overlooked.

It is believed that meteorological investigations have been made by the enemy of factors affecting the strategic use of poison gas.

Risks Of Illness

With the approach of colder weather there is some public concern about the risks of illness through having to spend whole nights in cold

FINDING LOST MEN OF B.E.F.

IT was disclosed recently that a large proportion of the 70,000 British casualties in France are prisoners of war.

The information was given at a meeting at the London Mansion House by Sir Philip Chetwode, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Red Cross and St. John Joint War Organisation.

The Red Cross, he said, is still tracing men who have been lost since the B.E.F. left France. Many of them are prisoners.

It was reported at the meeting that the Lord Mayor's Fund now stands at £3,073,000.

Lord Hiffe, deputy chairman of the Fund, said the cost of collection had been under two per cent. Nearly one-third of the money came from overseas.

The penny-a-week scheme had collected no less than £200,000.

Weekly receipts now averaged £15,000. This meant that more than 3,500,000 working men and women were giving a penny a week from their wages.

Sugar Chief Libelled By Broker

Libel damages of £550 and costs were awarded to Mr. William James Rook, Director of Sugar Purchases at the Ministry of Food, in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Justice Atkinson declared that the defendant, Mr. J. Leslie Fairlie, a sugar broker, of Mineling-lane, E.C., was actuated by enmity against Mr. Rook and the Sugar Control.

The hearing had lasted 15 days. Mr. Rook claimed damages for alleged libel contained in cables sent to Mr. Fairlie by Galban Lobo and Co., a Cuban sugar exporting firm, to whom the defendant acted as agent.

He contended that Mr. Fairlie "poisoned the minds" of the firm by untrue accusations that Mr. Rook was favouring the firm of C. Czarnikow, Ltd., of which he is vice-chairman.

The judge said he had no doubt that Mr. Fairlie wanted to force Mr. Rook to give orders to Galban Lobo. There was never the slightest foundation for any of the libels.

GOOD PRICES FOR RAMS

At the annual sale held at Lanark recently excellent trade was experienced for Border Leicester ram lambs, when 283 head were disposed of at the splendid average price of £12. 6s. 11d. apiece, as against £10. 10s. 3d. last year. The top prices for lambs were £130 and £100.

HIKED 183 MILES TO A FIRE

Because he wanted experience, a Manchester part-time auxiliary fireman hitch-hiked 183 miles from Manchester to London for his holiday and to obtain practice at real fires. He joined up at a London fire station and quickly got the experience he wanted.



INDIAN AIRMEN—Men from India arrive in London to join the Royal Air Force as pilots to strafe Germany. They are greeted by a sergeant of London police force in hearty handshake.

Finest Generation Of Boys and Girls

"If anyone thinks our youth is decadent let him ask the opinion of any German who has met them. I do not think that ever in our history has this country produced such a fine generation of boys and girls."

That tribute was paid by Mr. H. Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, at a meeting of the Manchester Youth Committee.

The war, he said, made him proud of Britain's education efforts in the years preceding it.

After announcing that expenditure on youth work in 1941 will be two or three times as much as for 1940, Mr. Ramsbotham stated that physical training for young people is not to be made compulsory.

"If and when I am satisfied," he said, "that adequate provision can be made for physical training on a nation-wide basis, then will come the time to consider the release of young people from their work for one or more short periods a week in which they may take part in physical training, with great benefit to themselves and to their efficiency as workers."

Lord Mayor Of London Is Elected

Despite the risk of air raids all the ancient customs and ceremonies were observed at the Guildhall recently when Sir George Henry Wilkinson was elected Lord Mayor for the coming civic year.

Dating from the time of Lord Mayor Whittington, the first of the customs was the attendance at divine service in St. Lawrence Jewry of the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen.

Afterwards the liverymen met at the Guildhall, and at noon the Lord Mayor (Sir William Coxen) took his chair at the hustings in the ancient hall. The floor was strewn with sweet herbs, a practice of great antiquity which was originally a precaution against plague.

After the usual ritual the election of Sir George Wilkinson was announced.

Ruthless Damage

Addressing the liverymen, the Lord Mayor-Elect said that there would be no pageantry and very little hospitality during his year of office. The City was being ruthlessly damaged, and the life's work and fortunes of many of its citizens and the homes and total belongings of many of its workers were being destroyed at one foul blow. Peace might not come in his year of office, but our right would prevail and the City would rise again in all its dignity and glory.

Sir Robert Kindersley said that the Lord Mayor's fund for air-raid victims had reached £700,000 in two weeks.

Earlier in the day Alderman Frank S. Alexander and Mr. George Percy Trenham were formally installed in office as sheriffs of the City for the ensuing year.

BROTHERS ARE INSEPARABLES

Two brothers—Arthur and Stanley Vince—of Ranelagh Road, Felixstowe, known to their friends as "the inseparables," and who fought side by side in France, are prisoners of war in the same German camp.

HITLER SACKS ARMY PRINCE

His Fury With Bernhard

PRINCE ASCHWIN ZUR LIPPE-BIESTERFELD, brother of Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, has been expelled from the German Army by the special order of Adolf Hitler.

He has been put under domiciliary arrest at the family castle near Barmst, in Silesia.

None of his friends is allowed to see him—even if the friend dared to incur the suspicion of the Gestapo by doing so. The motive for Hitler's order is his fury with Prince Bernhard, who, though born a German, has not in Nazi fashion betrayed the oath of loyalty to Holland which he swore when he became naturalised before his marriage to Princess Juliana.

Under Hitler's direct orders a flood of scurrilous newspaper attacks was let loose against Prince Bernhard both in Germany and in the German-controlled Press.

Now Hitler, unable to get at Prince Bernhard himself, has tried to punish his brother.

He was degraded and put under arrest as an officer who for his heroism as a lieutenant of motorised shock troops during the Polish campaign, was decorated with the Iron Cross.

Nazi Playing Cards Found In Shelter

A PACK of Nazi playing cards was found in a North London shelter after a strange man had panicked during a raid and afterwards vanished.

Despite the efforts of a shelter marshal, the man went on asserting that Britain had a hopeless cause and stood no chance against the German forces.

After the all-clear the marshal was tidying the shelter when he came across a pack of German cards, with the Swastika on their backs.

They were on the bench where the man had been sitting, and had evidently fallen from his pocket.

It was suggested that the Nazis may be using agents to spread panic during raids.

GIFT FOR SALVATION ARMY

The annual gift day in aid of the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls, No. 2 Embankment Road, will be held on December 20. Gifts in money or kind will be gratefully received by the following:

Mrs. Pearson-Grant, Empress Lodge, Kowloon; Mrs. Phillips No. 28 Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon; Mrs. Fale No. 31 Harbour View, Kowloon; Mrs. Bleyer, No. 409 The Peak; Mrs. Blake, No. 15 Felix Villa, Kowloon; Old City Hall, Queen's Road; Helena May Institute, Garden Road; Star Ferry Travel Bureau, Hongkong; Star Ferry Office, Kowloon; and Major Brazier, Salvation Army Home, No. 2 Embankment Road, Kowloon.

Suitable gifts would be rice (red and white), dry vegetables, soy beans, salt vegetables, wood, charcoal, flour, sugar, tea, tinned milk, soap, towels, blankets (red or brown), buckets, brooms, brushes, enamel mugs, enamel bowls, 14" calico, flannelette, tat hats, keds, tooth-brushes, coats, knitting wool, toys, Laxogen, Christmas fare, crockery, materials, books and games (Chinese or English), gramophone and records, any household requisites, etc.

A special appeal is made to Chinese housewives to lend a helping hand to their less fortunate sisters, by sending along any commodities they can spare that might be of use in the Home, whose inmates are mostly Chinese.

ROAD ACCIDENTS

During August this year, 729 persons were killed on the roads of Great Britain, compared with 618 during the corresponding month of 1939. Of these, 265 were killed during the black-out.

German-Japanese Plots For Sabotage Alleged

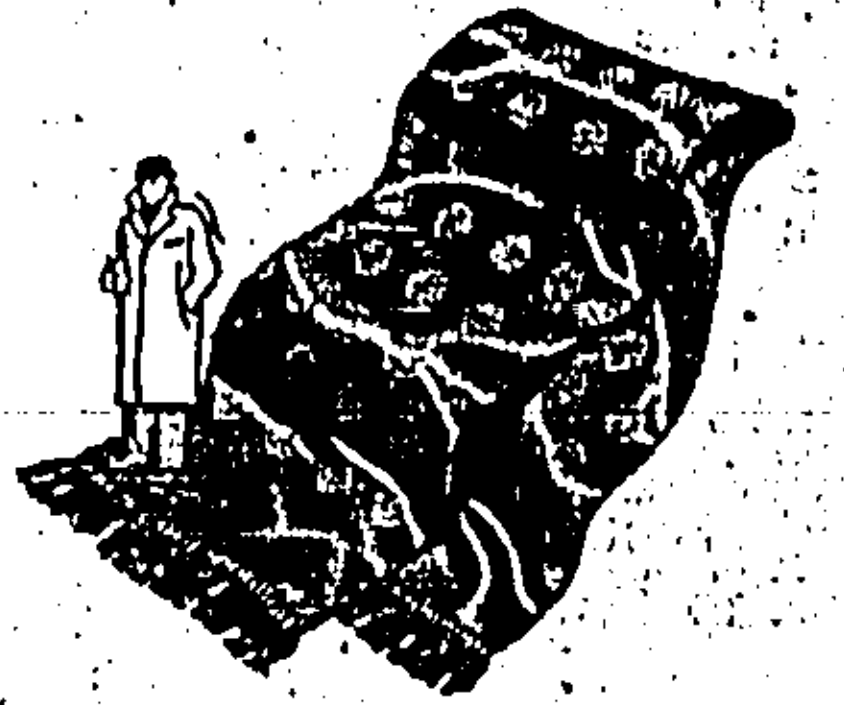
The New York newspaper "P.M." describes what it calls widespread plots by Germany and Japan to foster sabotage in the United States and to stir up trouble along the Mexican border.

First violence, it says, in Germany's undeclared war against the United States has been tentatively set.

Plots are being developed in the United States and Mexico by German and Japanese diplomats and others, calling for action, which will probably involve a Mexican revolution, incidents on the Mexican-United States frontier, destruction of United States warships by special bombs from Germany shipped by way of Japan, and explosions in the West Coast arsenals and aircraft factories, by German explosives disguised as pencils.

Gifts

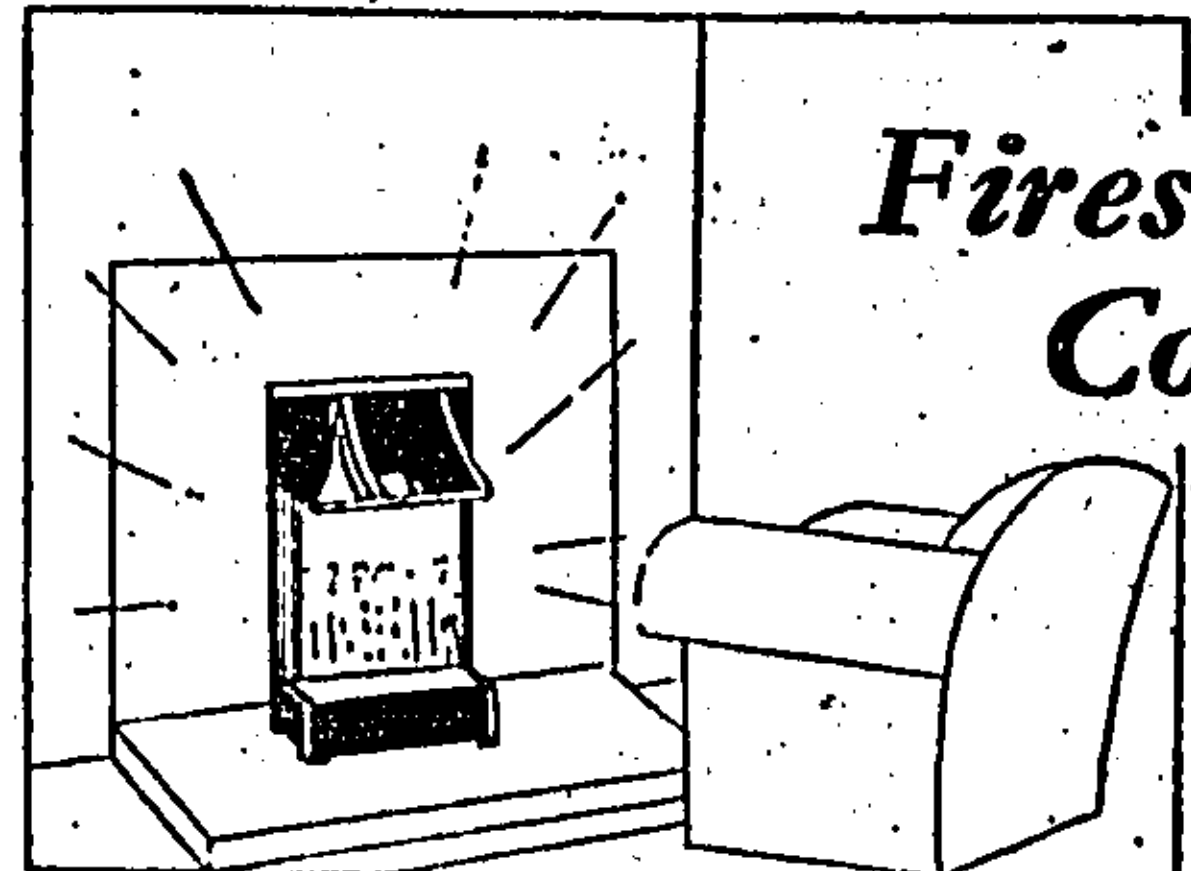
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

EASTERN TAKE BOTH POINTS Club Overwhelm Police

FROM POLICE 4-2

Frequent Infringement Spoil General Progress of Game

By "SCRAMBLER"

DESPITE THEIR WIN of four goals to two over Police yesterday at Caroline Hill, Eastern should consider themselves lucky, for all three goals were scored at a period when the Police were playing with ten men. The whistle was heard much too frequently, and due to dangerous play, no less than seven players had to receive attention.

Play was not so interesting and entertaining on the whole, although spasms of delightful play were produced by both teams. The superiority of the winning team was to be found in the forward line, where the five players co-ordinated well together.

The same cannot be said of the Police, for with the exception of Ferrier, the rest did not come up to expectation, the wingers especially were far too slow, and wasted many a good opportunity.

Eastern were somewhat lucky to obtain the first goal after ten minutes play, for after Wong Man-kwal was hurt after the kick off play was then confined to the Police half, and in one of their attacks, V. K. Hui scored from an offside position, as the Police defenders were appealing.

Play then alternated to a great extent and was chiefly centred in midfield, where Eastern's defence stood their ground. From a free kick taken by Pope, Lau Pak-hung equalised from a scrumage. Not long after the Police obtained the lead as from a pass by Moss to Wong Man-kwal, the ball found three Police forwards unmarked with the Eastern's defence spreadeagled, and Lau Pak-hung calmly walked the ball into the net.

Police Pressed

After the breather, Eastern went into the attack, and gave life to their play. Chan Kwong-yui was carried off with a leg injury and again in one of their raids, Eastern equalised through C. T. Tsao. Thereafter play was mostly confined to the Police territory, and although their defenders did all they could to stem the tide, their efforts were unavailing. Eastern kept up an insistent attack and Hsu King Sing took the ball up to within forty yards to let go with a hot footed drive that gave Manning no chance.

Undaunted by this reverse, the Police came into the picture with several well timed raids, but found their forwards lacking in the final touches. Wong Man-kwal and Moss being the chief offenders. Ferrier tested Lau Hin-hon with several shots and Moss did likewise. At the other end, shots in quick succession by V. K. Hui and C. T. Tsao were cleared by Manning and again in their attack, the Police defenders had in the meanwhile all gone up, the ball was returned to the Police half with all defenders too far up to do anything with the result that V. K. Hui scored easily. Lau Hung Pak was also hurt, and playing with ten men again, Police were unfortunately not to reduce the arrears.

as one shot from Ferrier struck the upright with Lau Hin-hon completely beaten.

A Good Show

Although defeated, Police were not disgraced, for had their front men accepted the passes that went their way, they would have at least scored more than two goals. As stated, only Ferrier in the forward line did anything of note, but he was very badly let down by his other men. Howlett was none too prominent, but did forage for the ball. Moss was too slow and cumbersome and should have parted with the ball earlier on many an occasion.

Of the wingers, Lau Hung-pak although scoring both goals was inclined to wait for the ball. Wong Man-kwal was completely out of the picture perhaps, due to the injury received during the first minute of the game.

The halves did their share of the work, but found in Eastern's forwards just that shade too fast. They played a defensive game. Gough was a tower of strength in the pivotal position, and both Pope and North worked hard, but should have kept a stricter hold on both wings. Blackburn was steady and covered the erratic Chan Kwong-yui well. The latter was too prone to go up. By their traps, Police found their opponents in many an off side position. Manning should have saved the second goal, but on the whole performed creditably.

Lethargic Eastern

Eastern started off in a lethargic fashion, and took sometime before they really settled down. Although they were more in the picture during the early part of the game, the forwards found the close attention of the Policemen a worry to them. Hau-Ching-tai was given plenty of rope on the left wing, but always found a defender at his heels; the same can be said of Chung Yung-Sim. Both wingers sent across some nice centres. V. K. Hui played a very constructive game, and led his front men well. He was ably supported by C. T. Tsao, but Cheung Kam Hoi did not appear to be comfortable. The halves supported the forwards well, going up when they attacked and falling back when pressed. Both wing halves had more than the measure of the wings, and Hsu King Sing did a very good job in

CASH SWEEP WINNERS ON SATURDAY

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		No. 5619	30.10.00
		No. 4106	30.20.00
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Race 2		No. 2033	30.01.00
		No. 6351	30.10.00
		No. 4106	30.20.00
		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3403, 440, 4098, 3198, 650, 1204, 3059, 6102, 6133, 5907.	
Race 3		No. 3725	30.05.00
		No. 3013	30.10.00
		No. 1908	30.20.00
		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4677, 4850, 1519.	
Race 4		No. 4980	30.05.00
		No. 617	30.10.00
		No. 1078	30.20.00
		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2880, 2042.	
Race 5		No. 6722	30.05.00
		No. 4106	30.10.00
		No. 3370	30.20.00
		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1233, 1503, 6072, 3027.	
Race 6		No. 1740	30.05.00
		No. 4106	30.10.00
		No. 6238	30.20.00
Race 7		No. 7244	30.05.00
		No. 3177	30.10.00
		No. 2405	30.20.00
		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 424, 37, 4627, 5081, 5300, 1533, 6442, 632.	
Race 8		No. 331	30.05.00
		No. 3309	30.10.00
		No. 4081	30.20.00
		Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): No. 2004, 6326, 4378.	

DAILY DOUBLE
Winning combination: Warren River and Quick Despatch. Total net pool, \$15,200. Number of winning chances, 671. Dividend, \$22.90.

Softball

Recreio Aces Nose Out Cyclones 1-0

THRILLS of League Softball yesterday were largely contained in the one-run victory of Recreio Aces over the Cyclones in the men's Division. But games generally were close. There were no less than five matches decided by one run, the other four being Cardinals 22 Ramlersettes 21; Wilcunus 17 Wahoes 16; Chung Hui 9 Cosmopolitans 8 and Recreio Bees 5 South China 6. This was, indeed, fare for the fans.

Complete scores were:

Cardinals 22, Ramlersettes 21.	Chung Hui 10, Las Florinas 10.
Whites 17, Wahoes 16.	Men, First Division
St. Joseph's 15, Filipinos 7.	Cyclones 9, Recreio Aces 1.
Canucks 5, Indians 11.	Second Division
Chung Hui 9, Cosmopolitans 8.	Recreio Bees 5, South China 6.
R.A.F. 7, V.R.C. 20.	Inter-Hong
H.K. Bank 12, Cobles 2.	Chartered Bank 20, Greenspots 12.

keeping a watchful eye on Howlett and Moss. The pair of backs Kong Seng-king and T. S. Yue by their clever coverings and positionings relieved many a dangerous movement. Lau Hin-hon did all that was required of him, but is still nervous under pressure.

Numerous Injuries

The game was remarkable for the number of injuries sustained and the too frequent blowing of the whistle. Play was interesting at times, and had the Police forwards played as well as they did against the Sing Tao, a different result would have been no surprise.

Eastern moved about with more co-ordination, the forwards played with understanding. The halves supported their forwards well but the Police were too much occupied with keeping the ball out that at times the forwards had to forage for themselves.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon, Kong Seng-king, T. S. Yue, Lau Tai-chang, Hsu-King-sing, Mr. Kee-cheong, Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hui, C. T. Tsao, Hau Ching Tai.

POLICE: Manning, Blackburn, Chan Kwong-yui, Pope, Gough, North, Wong Man-kwal, Howlett, Moss, Ferrier, Lau Pak-hung.



Blackburn (Police) preparing to clear and relieve Eastern pressure during their League soccer match yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

KEN OVERLIN RETAINS MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

Steve Belloise Out-Pointed

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (UP).—The veteran Ken Overlin successfully defended his Middleweight boxing title against young Steve Belloise to-night by winning the decision after an unexpectedly dull 15-round contest which caused continuous booing by the 6,000 spectators.

There was not a single knock-down, and the bout was marred by almost continuous clinching and mauling.—United Press.

Reuter adds that the experienced Overlin sapped his opponent's strength with a forceful body attack, while Belloise foolishly elected to wait for one heavy punch, which he was never able to land.

This is the second time Overlin has successfully defended his title against Belloise. The first was on November 2 when Overlin staged one of the

grandest rallies ever witnessed in any ring, to win by a narrow margin. Overlin was floored twice and nearly knocked out on two other occasions later on.

NAVY TRIUMPH OVER ARMY

Determined Display

IN a determined display, Navy overcame the Army 11-3 in the Quadrangular Tournament at Causeway Bay on Saturday, and took the lead by one point in the Tournament table.

H.E., the G.O.C. Major-General A. E. Grassett was among the large crowd present.

To the hard-working pack and the outstanding play of Paul and Honeywell must go the greater credit for their success. Rutherford played an excellent game behind the scrum, while in the loose King, Beattie, Taylor and Mensfield were prominent.

The Navy pack got more of the ball, often through clever wheeling. In the loose Millar and Gillam worked hard. Picton played a good game at full back. On the wing McDonald was fast and was unlucky not to get over at times.

ARMY AGGRESSIVE

The Army pressed from the start and McDonald was held up on the line. Wedderburn soon afterwards looked dangerous, but Paul cleared after Hook attempted a dropped goal. He kicked through with the ball at his feet, past Picton. Honeywell followed up fast, and managed to force the bouncing ball after it had gone between the posts. He converted his own try.

Scrambling the scrum successfully, the Navy forwards carried the ball through Honeywell then made good run until well tackled and Poole carried the ball over, to score near the corner. Paul failed to convert. Leading was called with the Navy leading 8-0.

The Army hustled play at the reopening, but failed to penetrate the defence. They missed several chances through passes going astray. Inexcusably, Combes cut through and passed to Gillam, who had McDonald waiting outside him unmarked, but the pass was knocked forward.

RUTHERFORD'S FINE TRY
After a scrum about 10 yards from the Army line Rutherford whipped on the blind side and dummied his way past several men to dive over near the corner. Paul missed the kick.

Army rallied and, when within striking distance, Combes attempted a dropped goal, which went wide. Hook broke away until tackled by Paul. Hook again attacked, sending Richards away on the wing. Richards was forced into a corner by a dropped goal just before the close of the game.

From the line-out the Army hammered at the Army line until Gillam dived over near the posts. Millar failed to convert. Paul attempted a dropped goal just before the close of the game.

Chinese R.C. "At Home"

Chinese Recreation Club will be "At Home" to members and friends on Sunday, December 22, when prizes won during the past season will be distributed. An all-day American Tennis Doubles tournament will be held.

Navy Surprise Army In Quadrangular Rugby Tournament

(By "Fly-Half")

LACKING a full back with a tackle deadly enough, Police went down to the Club to the tune of 8 points (a try and a goal to 36 (six goals and two tries) in the Quadrangular Tournament rugby match at Boundary Street on Saturday.

At Causeway Bay, Navy created considerable surprise when they beat the Army by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to 3 (a try).

Police fought hard up mid-field, but once a Club man got through, except for Reynolds, he met with little opposition and could make goal kicking almost a certainty by touching down between the posts. The majority of Club's tries were from the wing, and had the scorers been chased by a fast man the tries would have been scored near the corners and the possibility of kicks being missed greater.

Wall, who played at full-back for Police in the first half, played one of his worst games out here. Hesitating before fielding and tackling he generally missed either the ball or man. Later, at stand-off half, he was no improvement to Jackson. The latter fumbled his passes at fly-half, and later, at full-back, lacked speed to bring down the fast Club wingers.

Reynolds was the only Police three to have any success in attempts to break through, whilst in defence he held Stewart with some success, and once chased Day, who was completely through, to bring him down to yards from the line.

Riddell was too slow, and his method of passing, generally from the shoulder or higher, lent itself to inaccuracy and open to destructive play by Club forwards.

POLICE FORWARDS DO WELL

UP FORWARD Police put up a good show, and were far from overwhelmed. In the first 15 minutes of the second half, they controlled the game. Wright-Nooth, a marked man, put in a lot of hard work. Dempsey was possibly the best Police forward, but the spoils of his play by ignorance of the rules. Handling on the ground or in scrums is still a bad habit of his.

Thompson, despite the one-sided score in his side's favour, was given quite a lot to do and did it well. His try was an outstanding effort. Bosanquet was in splendidly mood and proved too fast for Dingsdale. Aikenhead received some terrible

passes from Thomson, scrum-half, and did well to recover in the face of Police's eager forwards.

Club forwards did well in the line-outs and set scrums, especially in the latter when they packed 3-4-1. Burford had the better of his vis-a-vis at hooking.

THE GAME

SOON after the kick-off, the ball from a scrum within the Club half, went out on the blind side to Bosanquet who kicked to touch but did not get it. He followed up hard to gather the ball as it rose from a lucky bounce and went on past Wall to score under the posts.

Back at the other end of the field, the Club three were lined up as from the scrum so fast and unexpected had been the score. Aikenhead converted. Day, Carruthers and Thomson added further tries. Aikenhead converted one and Redman the other.

SECOND HALF

AFTER the interval, Police pegged away at the Club line, but spoils their moves by over-eagerness. A conspiracy by Dempsey, who was converted by Wall, was a just reward for their efforts.

Against the run of play, Club went further ahead with a brilliant try by Thompson. The full-back fielded the ball on his own and kicked a high ball to touch. Jackson deflected it in an attempt to catch it, and Thompson, who had followed up fast, gathered it, and raced over the line at the posts. Redman converted.

Undismayed, Police forwards went into attack, and the ball was booted upfield where Thomson, in recovery, was clumsy and unintentionally obstructed Wall. A penalty try was given, but Wall from in front of the posts failed to convert.

Club scored further tries through Thomson, Bosanquet and Day. Burford converted one, and Taylor another.

Day, Stewart, Aikenhead, Thomson, Lee, Burford, Heaman, Needham, Jackson, Kennedy, Taylor, Redman, Pollock, Wall, Reynolds, Bosanquet, Jones, Dingsdale, Jackson, Riddell, Jennings, Lewis, Howarth, Cullinan, Searle, Wright-Nooth, Dempsey, Gough.

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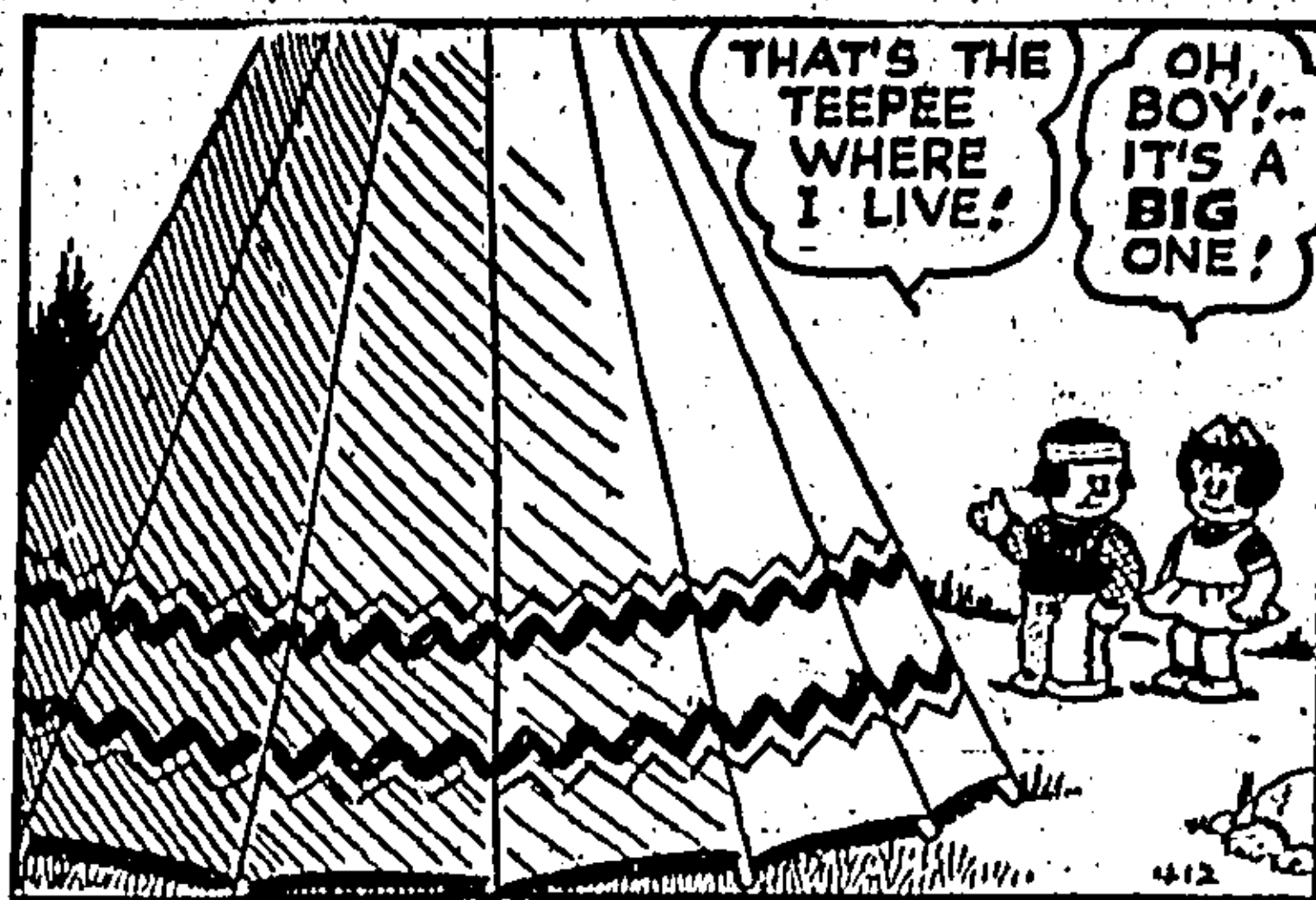
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Pres. Jackson

The first of the seven new liners for the American President Lines round-the-world service, the President Jackson, arrived at Hongkong yesterday on her maiden voyage from San Francisco.

This first liner will be followed at two month intervals by the other six liners. These smart, modern vessels which are commonly known as the modified C-3 type, have an estimated gross tonnage of 13,000; length overall, 412 feet; breadth 60½ feet and shaft horse power of 8,500. They have a normal sea speed of 18½ knots.

Leaving Shanghai at 1 p.m. on Friday the President Jackson was sighted from Waiwan at 6.45 a.m. yesterday.

The new vessels will complete the 20,000 mile round-the-world voyage in 95 days. Their route will carry them to Cuba, Panama, California, Hawaii, Japan, Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Bombay, Capetown, Port of Spain and back to New York.

DOG ATTACKS SEAMAN

Mr James South, Navy seaman, reported to the Police that while he was walking along Austin Road yesterday a large Akita attacked him and bit him on the left leg. After biting him the dog disappeared. The dog was said to be neither muzzled nor on a lead.

SHANGHAI STRIKES

Reflection of High Cost of Living

Shanghai, Dec. 15. That a tremendous increase in the local currency cost of living in Shanghai was brought about by the fall in value of Shanghai's dollar and lack of supplies through the war, in Europe and Japanese restrictions on allowing entry of food into the Settlement is being vividly shown here by strikes and requests from all quarters of the community for higher wages.

Following previous increases the Shanghai Municipal Council of the International Settlement, after the severe caused by the recent strike of Chinese constables of the Police Force, decided to grant a 100 per cent. high cost of living bonus to all the staff in municipal employ.

Immediately after this members of the staffs of factories and business companies in Shanghai demanded to be treated likewise.

A short strike of Chinese constables of the Police Force of the French Concession has just been settled with a promise of additional pay.

All utility companies, mainly working on a monthly basis as regards cost, are increasing their charges for services as running costs of their services mount.

The shortage of rice—owing to the Japanese monopoly of all rice grown in Japanese-occupied China and

WAR FUND SWELLS

A total of \$1,423,477.50 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

Mrs. Lambert Dunbar	\$1,000
Takoo Dockyard "Spare Gear" (weekly)	30
An American	5
P.S.S. Chicken Feed Box (weekly donation)	31
Kowloon Chess Club (collected at the annual dinner)	77.10
Sale of Calendars and lots	153.55
Harbour Office Nickels and Dimes (weekly)	5.21
The following were received in memory of the late Mr. H. P. Morton:	
Mrs. P. Hamblin	10
Staff, China Light & Power Co. Ltd.	5
Chinese Staff, Stores China Light and Power Co. Ltd.	140
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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN
The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children acknowledges the following donations collected during December 1940:

Collections for week ended 12.12.40: \$730.	
Mr. J. E. Joseph \$100, Mr. F. N. Merrill \$25, Mr. J. Orlinson \$10, Dr. Annie Sydenham \$5, Mr. G. M. Spada \$5, Donation already acknowledged through the South China Morning Post \$25. 200 Total \$930.	

Further donations will be gladly accepted by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. McKelvey, c/o Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., P. & O. Building.

shipment of it to Japan—is also causing great concern. Large quantities have been imported from Indo-China and India to cover consumption and at present there are sufficient stocks here for two months, but sky-rocketing freight rates may lead to a further rise in price.—*Reuter*.

PETAÏN DISMISSES LAVAL

Flandin Becomes Foreign Minister

London, Dec. 14. "Pierre Laval is no longer a member of the Government," dramatically announced Marshal Henri Petaïin in a message broadcast to-night by Lyons Radio. Marshal Petaïin prefaced his announcement with the words: "Frenchmen, I have just taken a decision which is in the interests of the country." He added that M. Pierre Flandin has taken the portfolio of Foreign Affairs.

The Act which nominated Laval as Petaïin's successor is cancelled, Marshal Petaïin said. "It is for a high principle of internal policy that I have taken this decision. It has no repercussions at all on our relations with Germany. I remain at the helm. The national revolution continues."

The message was in the Marshal's own voice, no doubt a recording, and the Marseillaise was played at the end.

After broadcasting Petaïin's message the Lyons Radio announcer said that Marshal Petaïin intended to make his government more homogeneous. M. Flandin, Marshal Petaïin states, appears to him to be better fitted than his predecessor to pursue, with the support of public opinion, the policy of rapprochement between France and Germany.—*Reuter*.

Laval Under Arrest

New York, Dec. 14. The World Telegram to-day says that M. Laval was taken to an unspecified location after his house was taken over by the Police and his papers seized.

It said that M. Laval was arrested on the eve of his departure for a conference with Hitler to deal with the question of Vichy's permission to send German troops through the occupied regions of France to the rescue of Italy. The report said that Marshal Petaïin is opposed to the suggestion, but that M. Laval supported it.—*United Press*.

Detained By Police

Zurich, Dec. 14. According to information reaching Zurich, M. Laval has been detained by the French police.—*United Press*.

No Vice Premier

London, Dec. 14. Marshal Petaïin announced that he had sent a message to Hitler announcing the removal of M. Laval from the Cabinet and the suppression of the Vice Premiership.

By a decree published to-day in the Journal Officiel, Marshal Petaïin revoked the constitutional Act naming M. Laval as Petaïin's successor.

The Act has been revised so that henceforth the Council of Ministers, by a majority vote, will elect Marshal Petaïin's successor if such an emergency arises.

According to the official German news agency, Marshal Petaïin, during the Ministers' Council meeting, on Friday night, demanded the resignation of the entire Cabinet in order to form a new one.

M. Ripert, Minister of Public Instruction, has also been dismissed and has been replaced by M. Jacques Chevalier.—*United Press*.

Domei adds that the former Foreign Minister, M. Paul Daudin, has been named the Secretary of the State for the Presidency Council and

Child "Star" On Way Home

Sybil Jason, the 13-year-old movie star whose career has included many appearances with Shirley Temple, arrived in Hongkong yesterday on her way to visit her parents in Capetown.

Quite unspoiled after concluding a five years' contract with Warner Brothers and a two years' contract with 20th Century Fox, Sybil will be seen shortly in Hongkong in "The Blue Bird," a technicolour production of Maelerlinck's famous play.

In an interview yesterday Sybil said she could not quite remember how she started in films, she seemed to have grown up in them. She had been on a visit to her grandmother in London from Capetown when she was given a part in her first film, "Darnacle Bill," at the age of four. In this she was "spotted" by a Hollywood scout and sent to Hollywood.

A pretty, plump little girl with dark brown hair, freckles and wide eyes, Sybil has been very popular on the voyage. She is accompanied by her 20-year-old sister Anita, with whom she lived in her own bungalow in Beverly Hills.

Doesn't Care for Dolls
Asked about her hobbies Sybil said: "I don't care for dolls. I like horse-back riding and reading mystery books."

Regarding Shirley Temple, Sybil generously said: "Geet she's a swell actress and a great friend; we just have lots of fun together. My favourite serious actress is Bette Davis. She has been awfully kind to me. I think Errol Flynn is marvellously good looking and I have my dressing locker plastered with his pictures. However, my favourite actor for serious acting is Spencer Tracy."

Other great friends were Carole Lombard and Clark Gable. "Carole is even more beautiful off the screen than on," she said.
Regarding a career, Sybil said that if she could not be an actress she wanted to be a designer and, failing that, a reporter. "I think a reporter has a wonderful life. I have seen all the newspaper films, including 'His Girl Friday' with Cary Grant," she said, her eyes gleaming.
Sybil will see her parents for the first time in seven and a half years. Her films include "The Little Big Shot" and "The Little Princess," with Shirley Temple. Altogether she has been in about 30 pictures.

Local Products To Be Shown

Samples of products manufactured in Hongkong will be on display at the fourth annual Chinese Products exhibition to be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union on December 22 opposite Peninsula Hotel.

The exhibition will be opened by H.E. the Acting Governor, Lt-General E. F. Norton, and will continue until January 2.

It is understood that the exhibition will be the largest of its kind ever held in the Colony. Over 200 factories will display their products at 212 stalls built on an area of 70,000 sq. feet.

given the charge of information services.

Laval's Arrest Confirmed
Vichy, Dec. 15. It was confirmed to-day that Laval had been detained. However, censorship prohibited mention of any details.

Cabinet met to-day, the session lasting all the morning.—*United Press*.

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Norwegian Workers For The Reich

Unemployment Problem

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 15 (UP).—Reports from Oslo reveal that Norway will send 5,000 workers to Germany next January where they will be given employment at the German wage scale.

There are now over 35,000 unemployed persons in Norway and the figure is expected to increase during the winter. Forty million crowns have been appropriated for relief work, largely in the war harassed districts.

Mr. Nils Ahlberg, Chief of the Bureau for Foreign Freight of the Swedish State railways, announced that negotiations are now in progress between Sweden and Soviet-Russia concerning Swedish Imports and exports in direct cars via Vladivostok. Except for the freight traffic via Petsamo, the only transit traffic now available to Sweden goes via Germany to and from Italy.

Wood Pulp For Italy

Sweden is shipping wood pulp and machinery in direct cars to Italy which, on their return trip, carry fruit and vegetables.

A theoretical agreement also exists with Spain for direct railway freight traffic via Iran on the Bay of Biscay, as well as through the Spanish frontier stations on the Mediterranean, but this arrangement is not operating satisfactorily despite the energetic efforts of the authorities. Only a few Swedish freight cars have reached Iran.

Hungry French Raid Thai Towns

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of Udorn last night, but there were no casualties. The population is calm and carrying on as usual. Even families living in the houses scarred by bomb fragments remain in their homes.

Border Towns Raided

HANOI, Dec. 15 (UPI).—Eight Thai planes to-day attacked the frontier towns of Savannakhet and Vientiane on the French side of the Mekong River dropping more than 30 bombs. Another report says that Thai forces bombarded Savannakhet across the Mekong River.

Drive Along Libyan Border Maintained

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desert through a sandstorm which has been raging the whole week.

One armoured brigade which captured 15,000 prisoners in the Bugbug area alone, signalled urgently for assistance as they were anxious to continue the advance without being hampered by acting as wardens.

A battalion of a famous Indian regiment took over the prisoners and the armoured brigade hurried on towards Sollum in order to cut off enemy forces retreating from camps in the interior of the desert which had surrendered.

JAPANESE PAY COMPENSATION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Dec. 15 (UP).—The Japanese have paid Indo-China 192,322 piasters as compensation to the families of the victims of the Air-France plane which was shot down by Japanese anti-aircraft guns on July 7 over Walchow Island. Japan will also offer Indo China a twin-engined plane to replace the Air-France plane.

More U.S. Bombers Reach Manila

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Dec. 15 (UP).—It is officially confirmed that 12 American bomber planes from Honolulu landed at Cavite shortly after 5 o'clock on Saturday evening after an uneventful trans-Pacific flight. This brings the Navy's long-range bomber strength in the Philippines to 20—the largest in the history of the islands.

Mr F. P. Franklin of 34 The Peak has reported to the police that early yesterday afternoon someone stole a pair of binoculars valued at \$40 from outside of the front of his house.

LATE NEWS

Re-Surfacing Planned
KUNMING, Dec. 16 (Central News).—In view of the congestion of traffic the highway authorities are planning to re-surface the Kunming-Pichikwan and Lungling-Wanting sections of the Burma Road with asphalt.

The Central Motion Picture Studio is sending cameramen to film the energetic efforts exerted by the Chinese to keep traffic going on the Burma Road in the face of Japanese aerial bombings.

It has been reported by Kwan Yuk-kee that between 1.30 and 2.45 yesterday afternoon he either lost, or had stolen from him two \$500 and one \$100 banknotes. The loss occurred between the Tung On wharf and Thomson Road.



STILL SMILES—This man on a stretcher was wounded when a German bomb struck a factory in southern England. Although seriously hurt, he still manages to smile, as rescue workers give first aid.

Desert Win Cements Egyptian Friendship

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—

The momentous military events of the past week have had a tremendous effect throughout the country.

Egyptians have always believed that Egypt's fate is linked closely with Britain's. During recent months, however, they have had to face a tendentious whispering campaign inaugurated by thousands of Italians living freely in the country abusing its hospitality and deliberately circulating reports calculated to sow distrust of the Allies.

Nevertheless, the Egyptians have remained steadfast in their loyalty to the Allies.

Examples of Italian underground activity reveal the arrogance of the Italian colony. Many in recent months have even refused to pay rent, telling the landlords that any action against them would be useless as it was only a matter of weeks before Marshal Graziani's victorious troops would enter the country.

Immediate reaction to the British successes in the Western Desert is manifested in a wave of confidence throughout the country. A small example of this is the fact that 400 Moslems on Saturday registered with the Government as intending pilgrims to Mecca. This number exceeds all those who had previously registered.

Newspapers continue to display reports from the Western Desert under banner headlines. Representative of the opinion of the entire Arabic press, "Al Ahrar" declares, "British success proves that the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty is a necessity for safeguarding the country's integrity. There is no doubt that the week's events have strengthened in the greatest degree Anglo-Egyptian friendship." The inhabitants of Cairo are expressing the greatest jubilation.

Tournament Hockey

Police "A" And A.N. Other XI Win Easily

A number of hockey matches were played during the week-end, including three in the League.

Following were the results of the Tournament matches:

Boundary Street, Police A beat Hongkong University by six clear goals. Goal-scoring were Howlett (2), Jasbir Singh (3), Teja Singh.

On the Y.M.C.A. ground, the A. N. Other team beat the 5th A.A. Rest B. 6-1. Goal-scoring for the winners were Hiltchcock (4), Alsey and Morgan. Blighton scored the only goal for the Gunners.

At Boundary Street, the Khalsa Sports Club beat Police B. 3-1. Gurbaachan Singh, Awtar Singh and Kaminder Singh scored for Khalsa. Marwant Singh replied for the Police.

Craigengower Beat P.O.C. At Bowls

Craigengower C.C. defeated Prison Officers R.C., 55-55, in a friendly lawn bowls match played on Saturday.

L. M. Ross, G. Tanner, D. A. Rosario, L. C. R. Souza (C.C.C.) lost to A. W. Hiltchcock, A. Perry, McCutcheon, A. Jillett, B. 2-9. P. K. Lau, P. Lee, G. S. Ladd, A. M. Omar (C.C.C.) beat W. Wubler, S. Hedges, F. N. Hill, W. J. Bagley, 2-10. W. J. Curd, H. L. Forman, J. W. Leonard, W. J. Penny (C.C.C.) beat V. H. Freeman, J. W. Grant.

Baseball League Trophies Presented

The Hongkong Baseball League held an informal dinner at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday at which the trophies won during the past season were presented by Mr B. C. Lawrence, President.

The winners of the various competitions were—League, U.S.S. Mindanao; International, Portugal; League Charity Cup, U.S. Navy.

Police Inter-Division Basketball League

Following are the latest results of the Hongkong Police Inter-Division Basketball League:

Western Division beat Eastern Division 45-35; Shamshuipo Division beat Yaumatei Division 25-23; Kowloon City Division beat Tsimshatsui Division 32-19; "C" Division beat Western Division 40-2.

Army "A" Defeated

As Club "A" were unable to raise a full team for their Rugby match against the Royal Scots owing to the Volunteer Camp a Rest of the Colony team substituted. The Rest team won by two goals and a try (13) to a dropped goal and a try (7).

Match On Wednesday

The following will represent the Navy against Club "A" on Wednesday at 4.45 p.m. at Happy Valley—Mid, Howe; Sub-Lt Kennedy, Wilson, Cadet Lambie, Grace; Sub-Lt Smith, Wilson, Sub-Lt Winter, Lt (C) Brown, Hughes, Hockham, Cadet Thornhill, Williams, Bages, Taylor, Reserve—Skinner, Lilley, Smith, Ross, Pilot Officer Baugh, Jones, Mitchell.

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THRUST INTO LIBYA: THRILLING ADVANCE BY BRITISH FORCES

By PAUL TAYLOR
Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, DEC. 15 (UP).—THE BRITISH MECHANISED FORCES INVADING LIBYA THROUGH A DESERT SANDSTORM TO CARRY THE WAR ON TO ITALIAN SOIL, TO NIGHT ARE REPORTED DRIVING TOWARDS THE FASCIST COASTAL BASE OF BARDIA WHICH IS ALREADY ABLAZE UNDER TERRIFIC SIEGE LAID BY THE ROYAL NAVY.

BOTH BARDIA—TEN MILES ACROSS THE BORDER FROM EGYPT—AND PORT TOBRUK, FURTHER WEST, ARE REPORTED TO BE IN FLAMES AFTER THE ALMOST CONSTANT ATTACKS OF THE BRITISH BY SEA AND AIR.

R.A.F. WIN BIG AIR BATTLE

26 Italian Planes Down

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Twenty-six Italian aircraft were destroyed in intensive R.A.F. activities which were continued in support of the land operations of the army.

Twenty-four of them were shot down by fighters which maintained an incessant patrol throughout the day in protection of advanced British troops.

A number of other enemy aircraft were damaged but their destruction is not confirmed.

About 50 Capronis were patrolling over Bardia, but the British bombers persisted in the attack, causing heavy damage.

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

Naval Units Engaged

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Italian submarine, Nalade, has been sunk by British destroyers, states a communique from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, received by the Admiralty.

The submarine had attempted to interfere with operations which British naval forces are continuing along the coast in support of the Army between Sidi Barrani and Bardia.

Enemy U-boats also attacked a naval unit but without success and the attack was driven off.

Naval participation in the heavy attack on Bardia is revealed by a communique which says that a night bombardment on that port was carried out with successful result.

LATEST

The big Italian base of Tripoli was bombed on Friday night it was stated officially, and two ships were directly hit.

Reports have reached Cairo of the capture of the Italian frontier Fort Capuzzo and the re-taking of Sollum, thus completely closing the bottleneck "death trap" on Fascist legions fleeing Egyptian soil. But no confirmation of these reports can be made.

HARD FIGHTING CONTINUES

British Advance In Sandstorm

(REUTERS' SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

CAIRO, Dec. 15.—Hard fighting is still in progress on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier in a whirling sandstorm, according to latest reports received here.

Exact details of the operations are as yet not available, but British casualties are still known to be very slight despite determined major scrapping.

The R.A.F. continue to batter Sollum barracks, proving that in this area at least Italian troops are still on Egyptian soil.

British forward mechanised columns are putting up a magnificent show, thrusting at the enemy positions at many points along the frontier and inflicting serious casualties on the defending Italian forces. The indefatigable manner in which our tanks and armoured cars and lorries have been pushing on more than a hundred miles day and night for a week reveals clearly the terrific efforts made behind the scenes by the maintenance corps during the preparations for the offensive.

Clockwork Precision

Apart from brief halts at the dead of night to perform odd maintenance jobs—often in disguised Italian camps—British mechanised forces are rolling on with clockwork precision.

At the same time the R.A.F. is continuing to plaster enemy aerodromes and concentrations in far corners of Libya day and night. Pilots are working ceaselessly, pausing only to re-fuel and to re-load bombs before taking off again for the battlefield.

Army personnel in Cairo unanimously declare that a great part of the success of the entire operations is due to Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore's well-calculated and concerted efforts.

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After official disclosure of Britain's week-old "desert blitz" which carried the war into Italian Libya, both the Royal Air Force and the Mediterranean fleet issued communique relating "shattering" attacks disorganising the Italian retreat.

Naval Communique

Sir Andrew B. Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet, said there was a "successful attack" on Bardia at night "despite abortive attempts by enemy E-Boats."

"Our naval forces have been continuing operations along the coast in support of the army between Sidi Barrani and Bardia."

"The Italian submarine Nalade (787 tons, normal complement 40 men) which attempted to interfere with our operations, was immediately sunk by our destroyers."

"Units of the Fleet Air Arm have also been co-operating with the Royal Air Force in attacks along the Libyan coast."

Bombs On Tripoli

The communique said that four tons of bombs were dropped by Fleet Air Arm planes in an attack on Tripoli, 700 miles west of Bardia at the other end of Libya. Heavy damage was done.

Planes of the Fleet Air Arm took off from warships in the Mediterranean to attack Tripoli. It is said that all Italian airfields near the front TURN TO Back Page, Column 3

FRENCH GOVT.

New Assembly To Be Called

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Dec. 15 (UP).—Marshal Petain has announced his intention of creating a National Assembly, a move possibly heralding the restoration of some measure of the Parliamentary government crushed by authoritarian France.

The announcement was made only 24 hours after the removal of Laval.

It stated that the National Assembly would advise and "share responsibility."

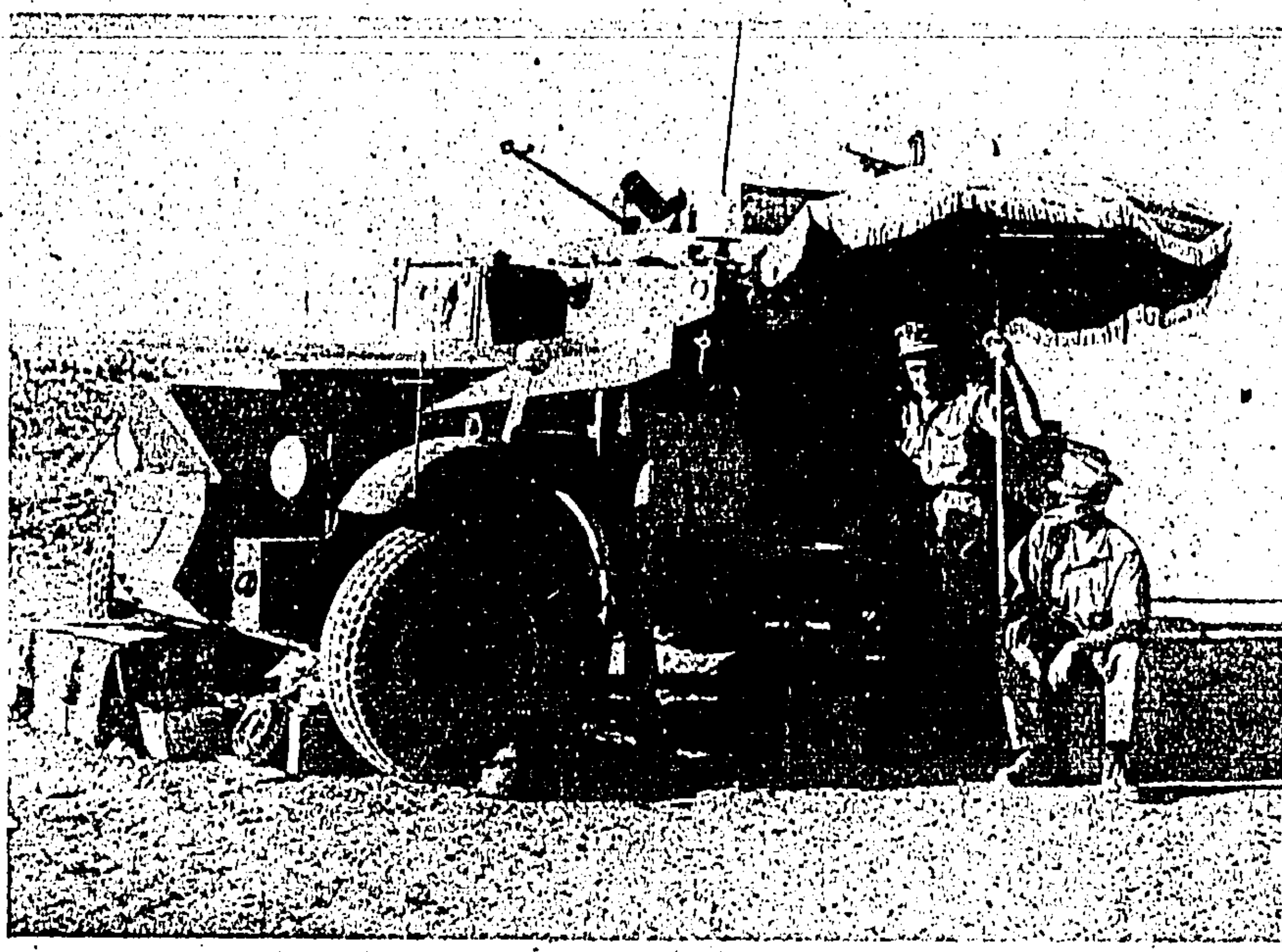
Marshal Petain did not reveal whether it will be partially or wholly elected. French political parties have been banned, therefore the new Assembly is likely to be a representative of all corporations and professions as well as representative scientific institutions and universities.

It is indicated also that a body similar to Mussolini's Italian Chamber of Fascists will probably be set up. A rigid censorship, which forbids foreign correspondents to mention "in any way" Laval's dismissal, changes in the Constitutional Acts, "or other matters" surrounding yesterday's affair, indicated that Marshal Petain's management of the "new" consultative National Assembly is directly connected with the removal of Laval.

On Sunday it was established definitely in a telephone inquiry by "The Press" from Zurich to Vichy that Laval is in custody "on undisclosed charges."

THE ITALIANS ARE FLEEING BEFORE THEM

The brilliant work of the mechanised units has largely made possible the British victory in the Western Desert. This official photograph shows one of the armoured car units which have been operating in the advance on Libya. When the picture was taken officers of the unit were making good use of a "brolly" at the side of their car during a halt.



GREEKS PUSH STEADILY ON TOWARDS VALONA

By BEN AMES
"United Press" Correspondent

ATHENS, Dec. 15 (UP).—The Greek troops to-night were reported to be pushing steadily up the Adriatic coast of Albania towards Valona after two heavy bombing attacks on the already battered seaport, carried out by British planes.

Fierce fighting raged in a swirling sandstorm around Hal-faya, a few miles south of Sollum in the Didmar zone on the Egyptian side of the border. Late reports indicated that Fort Capuzzo was not re-taken although it may be isolated.

Greek quarters admit strong Italian counter-attacks at the southern end of the Albanian front, but asserted that each one had been repulsed, although Fascist resistance appeared to be fiercer in some of the sectors.

The R.A.F. issued a communique reporting two bombing attacks during Saturday on Valona, which the Italians are either evacuating or are preparing to evacuate owing to the terrific air bombardments.

The communique stated that the first R.A.F. attack was made against Italian military stores and a motor transport park, while the second raid was directed against the aerodrome at Valona. All the British aircraft returned safely.

Italians Defend Tepelini

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Dec. 15 (UP).—A strong Italian counter attack was repulsed and hurried back by Greek forces attempting to storm Tepelini in a double-pronged drive towards the Albanian port of Valona.

After fighting their way into the streets of Tepelini in a hand to hand battle on Saturday, only to be hurled back, the Evzone (Greek) forces are said to have renewed the assault early this morning without success.

Heavy losses are reported on both sides from Struga which is on the Yugo-Slavian border.

To-night the Greeks are reported to be holding positions about a mile from Tepelini at its nearest point awaiting reinforcements before attempting another assault on the heavily defended town.

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Last Night's Heavy Raids On Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 15 (UP).—The Luftwaffe converged in waves on a town in North England to-night, piercing a heavy anti-aircraft barrage and dropping explosives in a steady hail, beginning soon after nightfall.

Thai Border Fighting

Recent Heavy Firing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Dec. 16 (UP).—The High Command revealed that Thai and Indo-China forces exchanged brief but heavy fire at 5 p.m. on December 14 at Aranyaprathet.

During this exchange, Thai artillery hit a flagstaff, tumbling the Tricolour to the ground.

The High Command said that there were no Thai casualties. It is stated that 50 Annamites crossed the frontier on Saturday, seeking Thai protection.

French Threaten Reprisals

HANOI, Dec. 15 (UP).—Reviewing Saturday and Sunday's hostilities, including eight raids with over 100 bombs dropped on four Indo-China cities in which there were three French casualties and many houses destroyed, a French official made a statement that "heavy French reprisals are likely to-night."

Bombs are now our only means of making them feel our power.

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Relays of raiders swept over a town in the East Midlands, apparently using it mainly as a guedepost on their way north. The Nazis also subjected the town to a concentrated bombardment.

A short raid on London was punctuated by heavy gunfire. Only one bomb is reported dropped. It fell in a park, doing no damage.

New Offensive

The raid came late and the "All Clear" was sounded before midnight. The raid broke a three-day lull in which British observers professed to see growing signs that Hitler is about to swing the main striking power of the Luftwaffe into some new offensive, perhaps in support of Italy.

Defence guns on the south-east coast fired on a number of planes crossing the area.

Raiders were also reported in west and south-east England and at a few other scattered points.

A considerable number of raiders crossed the south-east coast. A wide spread and intensive anti-aircraft barrage kept the raiders at a great height as they flew inland.

A number of bombs were dropped just outside an East Anglian town, but no damage has been reported.

Ideal Flying Weather

The Channel was blanketed in a low-flying fog above which the sky was clear.

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Hungry French Raid Thai Towns For Food

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Dec. 15 (UP).—It is officially stated by Thai sources that a shortage of foodstuffs has caused widespread distress on the French side of the Mekong frontier, resulting in the frequent raiding of Thai towns by hungry French and Annamite units who are seeking food.

The report added that all French civilians have evacuated the Mekong region.

Aerial Activity

UDORN, Dec. 15 (UP).—Thai planes took off from the Udorn base at 5 a.m. on Friday when they were

warned that French planes were approaching. They returned an hour later, the enemy having failed to put in an appearance. Military circles believe that refugees have exaggerated the reports of air raids. However, they admitted that Udorn had been raided twice on December 10 and 11.

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Warning To Russia

Bevin's Straight Talk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GLASGOW, Dec. 15 (UP).—Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, sharply warned Russia not to interfere in the internal affairs of Britain when he spoke at a civil dinner to-day.

Referring to Communists who had heeded at an earlier meeting, Mr Bevin said: "The Government has got to face the issue as a matter of war strategy. It has to teach Russia that her method of carrying on her foreign policy does not pay in this country."

British Planes Stage Sunday Raid On Berlin

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Dec. 15 (UP).—The Royal Air Force to-day raided the city for the first time in 19 days. However, it was one of the least eventful raids thus far.

In the centre of the city, light firing was heard for about ten minutes soon after the alarm. Afterwards there was almost complete silence.

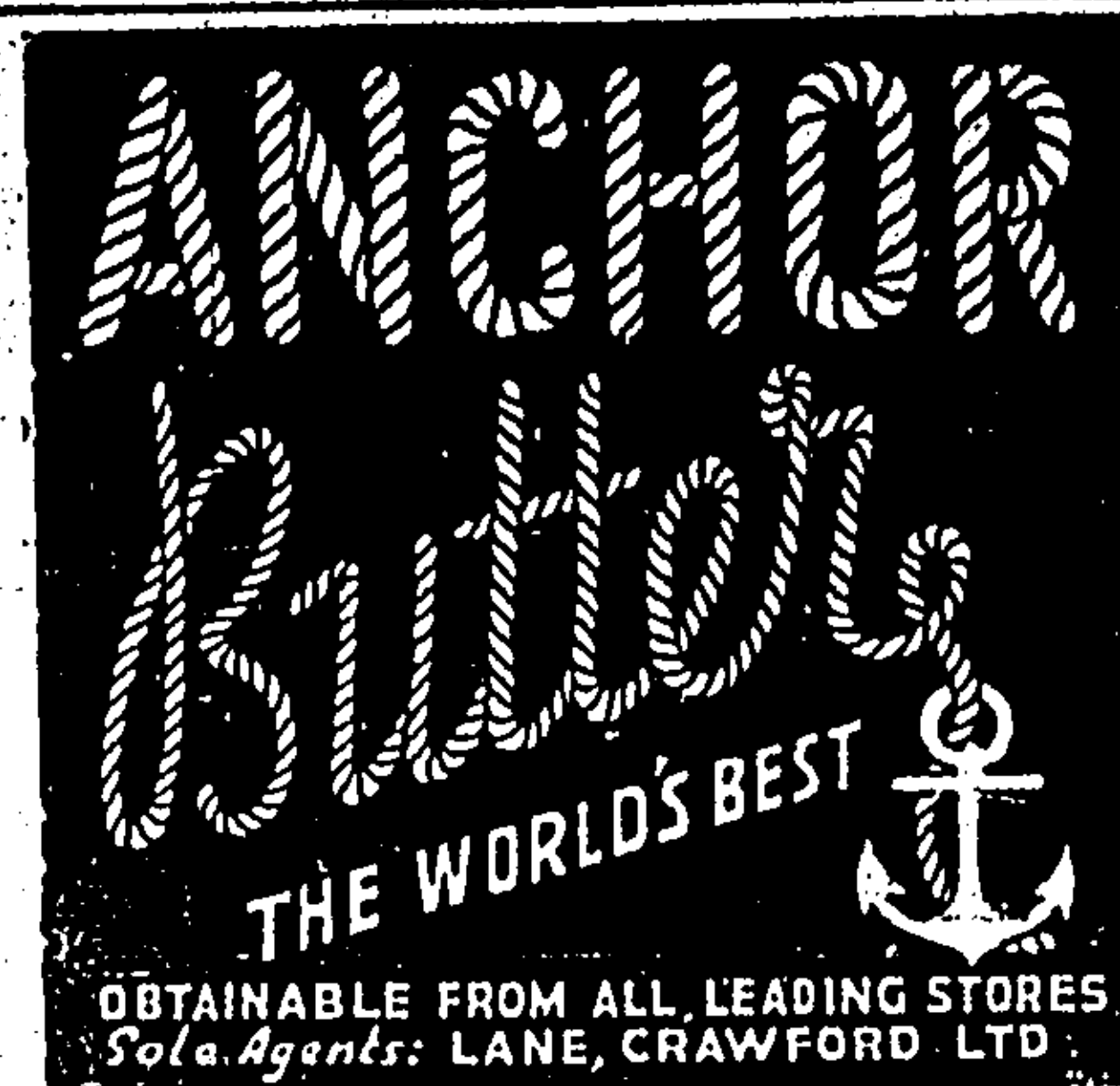
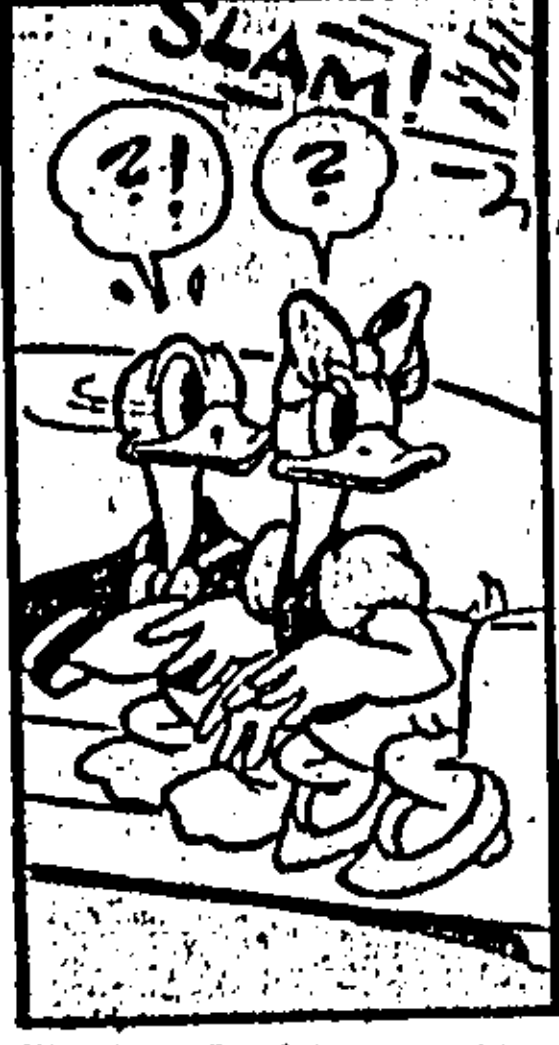
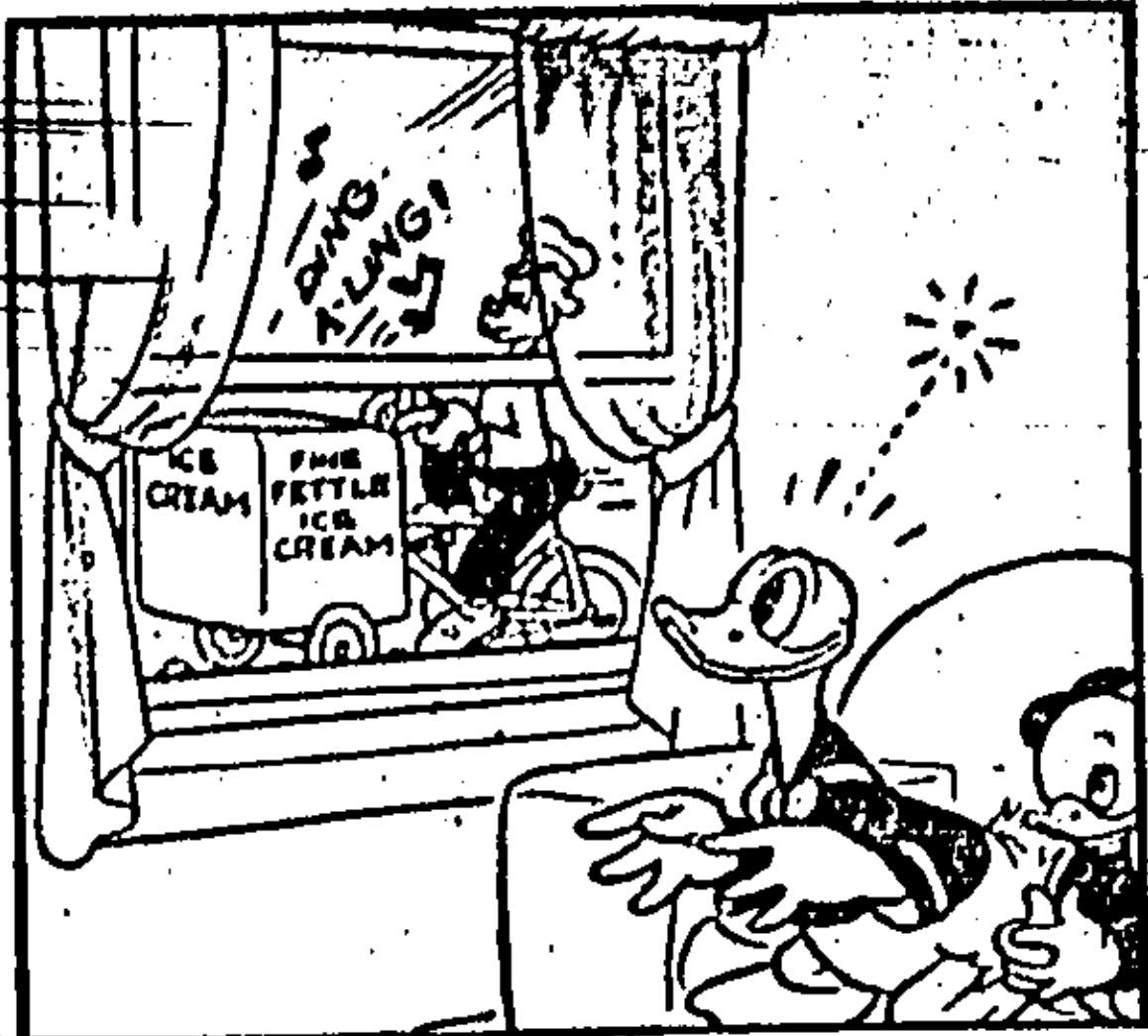
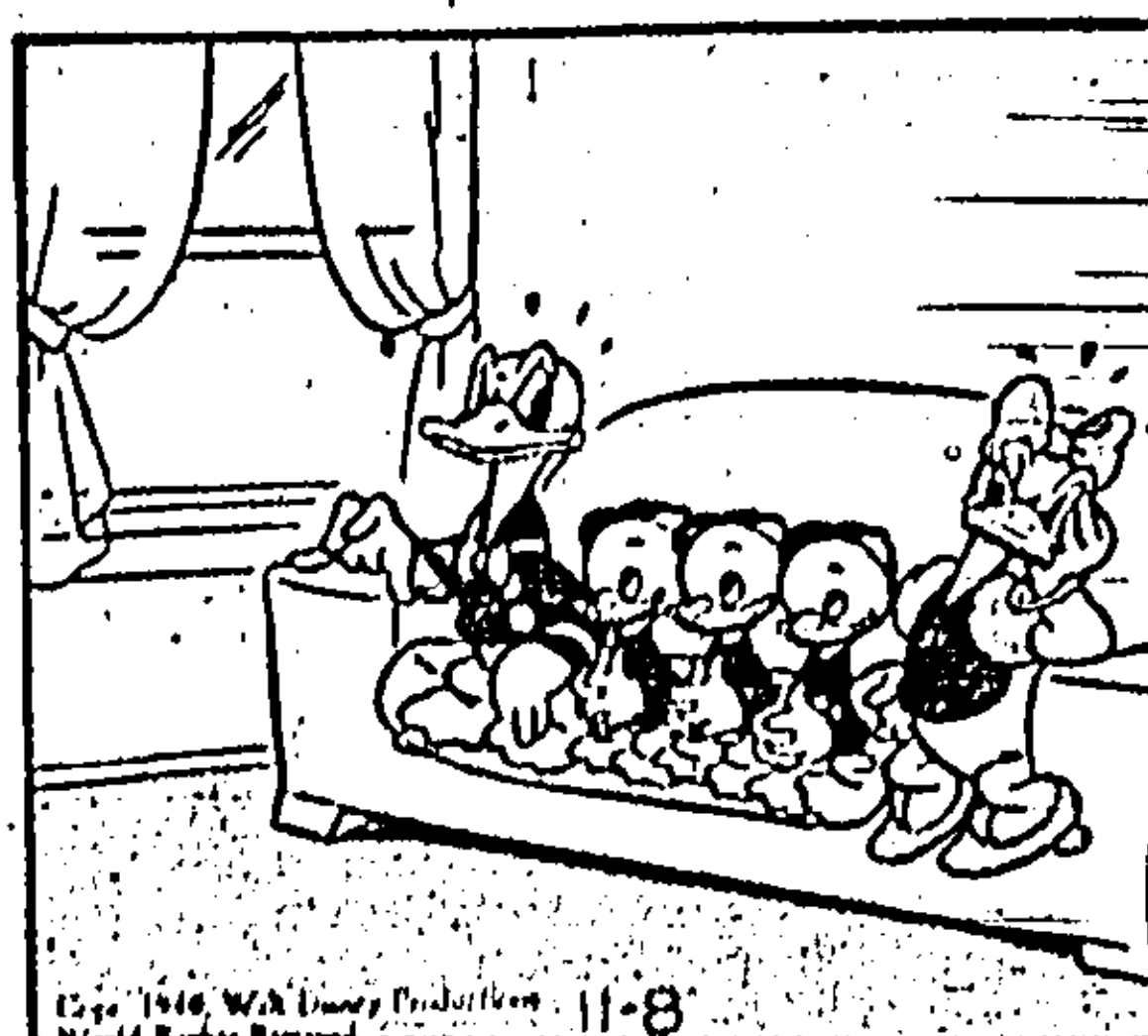
Owing to the lengthy gap, however, since the last raid, tens of thousands of Berliners, who were expecting an

air alarm owing to the present weather conditions, were caught in restaurants in the west end of the city. This resulted in a tremendous jam in buses, street cars and subways when the "All Clear" was sounded.

A communique issued after the raid stated that incendiary bombs were dropped in the suburb.

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BURMA RAILWAY BOMBED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—KUNMING, Dec. 15 (UP)—Eight Japanese bombing planes bombed a section of the Burma-Yunnan railway at one o'clock this afternoon.

Road Also Attacked
KUNMING, Dec. 16 (Central News).—A Japanese scouting plane reconnoitred along the Yunnan section of the Burma Road yesterday morning. Two hours after the reconnoissance, eight Japanese planes made their appearance over western Yunnan and scores of bombs were released at a point on the Burma Road.

The air raid alarm was sounded in Kunming at 7.40 a.m. and the "all clear" was given at 2.30 p.m.

Re-Surfacing Planned
KUNMING, Dec. 16 (Central News).—In view of the congestion of traffic the highway authorities are planning to re-surface the Kunming-Pichikuan and Lungling-Wanting sections of the Burma Road with asphalt.

The Central Motion Picture Studio is sending cameramen to film the overcast efforts exerted by the Chinese to keep traffic going on the Burma Road in the face of Japanese aerial bombings.

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2.15 Close down.

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7.0 London Relay—The News.

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8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Charlie Kunt at the Piano.

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9.0 London Relay—News Commentaries.

9.30 Compositions of Elgar.

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10.0 Selections from Grand Opera.

10.30 Gounod—"Faust" Ballet Music.

Symphony Orchestra.

10.45 Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano.

11.0 Close down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, says: A firm undertone with renewed enquiries ruled the market at the close.

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H.K. Banks \$1,300

Bank of East Asia \$74

Canton Ins. \$185

Wharves \$92

Docks "O" \$17.75

Providents \$5.45

Hotels \$3.45

Lands \$33.50

Realities \$3.70

Trams \$17.50

Star Ferries \$59.50

Electricity "O" \$40

Electricity "N" \$39.50

Watsons \$10.30

Entertainments \$7

Constructions "O" \$1.00

Sellers

Realities \$3.95

Electricity "O" \$40.50

Vibro Piling \$7.70

Sales

Docks "O" \$18

Providents \$5.50

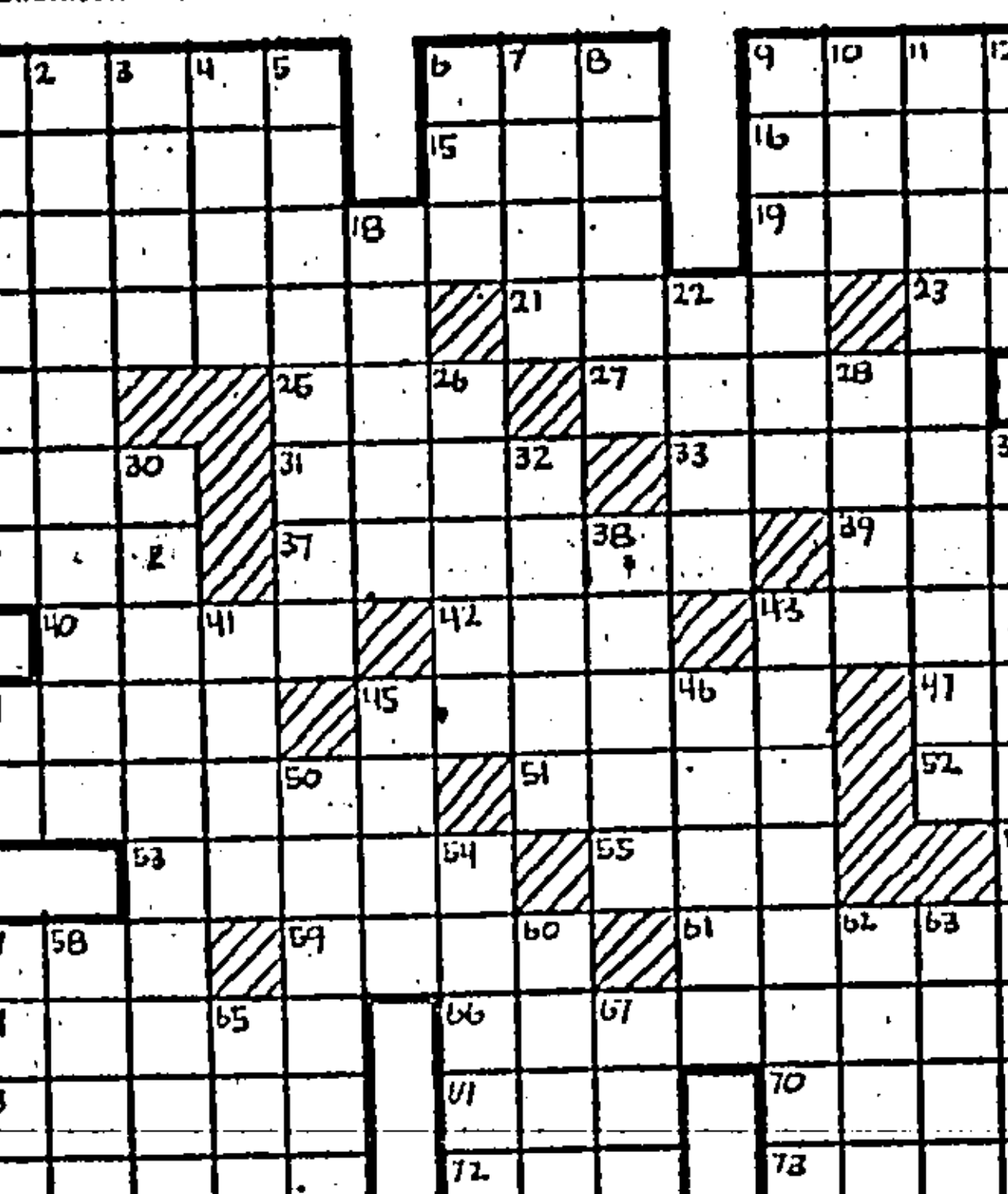
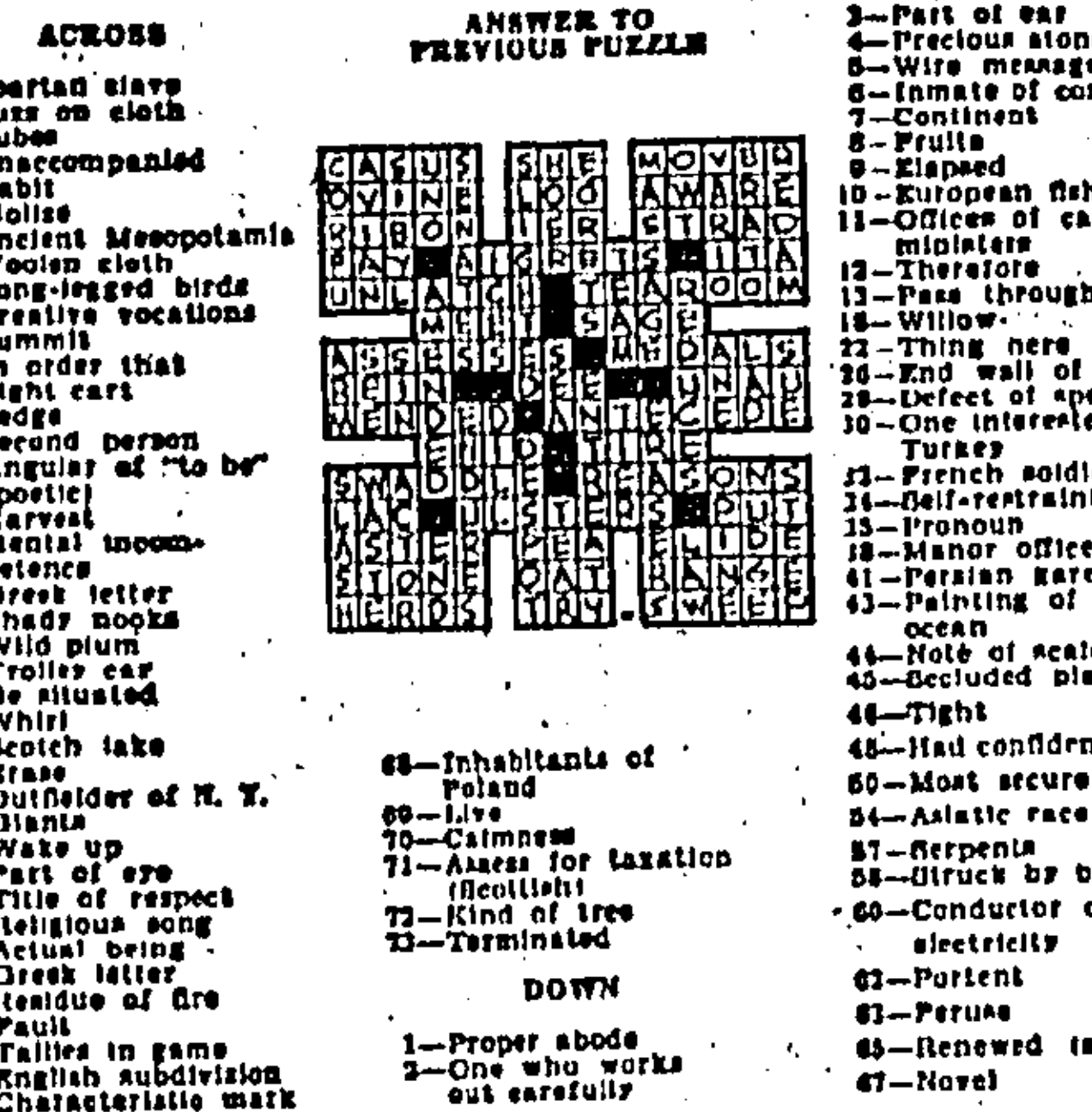
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS



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SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2%
Dernand London	1/2%
T.T. Shanghai	300
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	140
T.T. Bangkok	10 1/2
T.T. Saigon	Nom.
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	0 1/2
T.T. Australia	1 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,365 b.
H.K. Banks	78 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	81 n.
Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. & E.	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	74 b.

INSURANCES	
Canton	185 b.
Union	395 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	150 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Beurets)	37 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	92 b.
Docks (old)	18 sa.
Docks (new)	74 b.
Providents	5.5 b.
S'hal Dockyards	30 n.

MINING	
Kailan	10/3 n.
Raub	8 1/2 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS	
Hotels	3.05 s.
Lands	33 1/2 sa.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
S'hal Lands Sh	11 1/2 n.
Humphreys	17 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities	3.05 s.
Chinese Estates	100 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	17.65 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	60 b.
Y. Ferries	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	7.05 b.
China Lights (new)	7.05 b.
H.K. Electric (old)	40 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	30 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (new)	10 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11.20 b.
Telephones (old)	25 1/2 b.
Telephones (new)	10.20 b.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cand. Macc. (Ord.)	14.00 n.
Cand. Macc. (Pref.)	12 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements	18.20 n.
H.K. Ropes	7 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	18.00 b.
Watsons	10.30 b.
Lane Crawford	3.70 n.
Sincere	3.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Power Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	37 n.
S'hal Cotton Sh.	165 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	90 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1834)	94 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.B.Ds.	35 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 b.
Constructions (old)	1.00 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7/0 n.
Makman Inv.	7/0 n.
Marcman Inv. (H.K.)	2/6 n.

Metropole Hotel	
Reg.	Dec. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 24, 5.40 p.m.
G.P.O.	Dec. 23, 10 a.m.
Reg.	Dec. 24, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 24, 7.40 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 25	
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	8.30 a.m.

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 10th December Dec. 17.
Canton Dec. 17.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date, 27th Nov.) Dec. 17.

Calcutta and Straits Dec. 21.
Sundakan Dec. 21.
Australia and Manila Dec. 21.

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 17th December Dec. 24.
London and Straits Dec. 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd Dec.) Dec. 26.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 6th December) Dec. 26.
Calcutta and Straits Dec. 27.
Java and Manila Dec. 27.

Sundakan Dec. 28.
Sundakan Dec. 28.
London and Straits Dec. 28.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways" and "Trans-Atlantic Services" K.P.O.

Reg. Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 17, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.

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Air Mail by Singapore to connect with the British Overseas Airways Kowloon P. O.

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Cracks in Hitler's Armour

DURING the spring and early summer Hitler's sweeping attacks on neutral and largely unprepared countries followed by his final "blitzkrieg" on France blinded the world to the weak spots in his armour. To-day these dents have become definite cracks. Having failed to carry his "conquest" of France to Britain's shores Hitler lost his golden opportunity, since which he has been turning this way and that in his efforts to administer a "knock-out blow" to the British.

That Hitler's march to Paris was not so victorious as he would have the world believe has since been evidenced by the difficulties he has encountered in negotiations with Vichy—a fact which is beginning to convince the whole of Europe that General de Gaulle was right when he declared in his proclamation from London on November 9 that "France has lost a battle, but France has not lost the war!"

Not many weeks ago the world was edited by the news that the German Fuehrer, dropping his role of dictator, had decided to travel to Spain for the purpose of making a personal attempt to include that country in the Axis. Spain's answer was plain when Senor Suarez, in collaboration with Sir Samuel Hoare, the British Ambassador, signed a financial agreement with Britain. This may not signify that Spain has definitely turned her back on the Axis but it certainly indicates that she is not sure of Hitler's final victory in the war and therefore prefers to remain neutral for the time being. The Bulgarian king at the time of Rumania's collapse went to see Hitler and for a few days observers feared that he too was being drawn into the German net. But in the meantime Greece, which has always manfully rejected German propaganda and intrigue, showed the spirit of the people by defying Italy to do her worst. The subsequent successes of Greek arms probably had something to do with Bulgaria's later decision that above all things she desired to maintain her neutrality. Whatever the reason for his ignominious attack on Greece, Il Duce misjudged the fighting power of the Grecian army. To-day as a result, reports declare that Hitler is trying to persuade Turkey to accept the role of mediator. The Grecian position, aided by the British navy, air force and materials is, however, sufficiently favourable to repudiate all such attempts. It would also be dangerous to talk "peace" at this stage as Mussolini, even if an armistice were declared, would have the time he badly needs, in which to repair his losses.

Whatever Greece decides to do, Hitler's armour shows signs of further cracks. Russia is not proving so amenable in regard to Japan as Germany had hoped. If Russia continues her aid to China as she has declared she will, Japan may retain a strong force in Manchuria, thus making the long promised drive southwards more hazardous and less

Liberty's Legions are ready...

By Harry Levin

SOMEWHERE in Palestine, Behind a gale inscribed with the simple word "Pax," a palm-girdled monastery looks down upon a military camp.

Two thousand years ago the Legions of Rome were encamped here.

To-day it is a Polish Legion which lives in its sunbathed tents. Below the white walls of the monastery its bugles ring out as a great fire leaps towards the sky. It is a huge pyre lit by torches brought by runners from that holy fire that burns in the sepulchres of Jerusalem.

It is burning in memory of the tens of thousands that fell for the Liberty of Poland.

Across the darkening plain comes the haunting melody of Poland's famous hymn of freedom sung by thousands of voices.

Most of these Poles passed through the furnace of the Polish campaign of a year ago and succeeded in reaching the Black Sea coast, sometimes in groups, sometimes singly, until they were able to form an Eastern brigade which eventually took up its headquarters in Syria.

Almost every one of them has his Odyssey.

One—he has an Irish ancestor—passed through the German lines, thanks to the pass he had filched from the body of a dead spy.

One, stripping the uniform from a dead Hussar, got near the German lines. Then he was able to disguise himself as a peasant woman, and it was his feminine "wink" that succeeded in getting him past the guards.

The Polish Eagle

The Polish brigade left for Palestine when France capitulated. It includes Marshal Pilsudski's Legionnaires and the pick of the youth of Poland.

Tanned, friendly and smart, they march along with the Polish Eagle proudly displayed upon their kapis—the broad-brimmed cap worn by the French Foreign Legion.

This is not the first time the Polish Eagle has been seen in these parts. Nearly 150 years ago Napoleon himself praised the valour of the Polish Legionnaires who played such a big part in his Eastern campaign.

Brothers in Arms

This meeting round the campfire also emphasises the closeness of the brotherhood in arms of the many "Legions of Liberty" gathered up and down the Holy Land—many of whose representatives are guests of the Polish Brigade to-night.

There are the Czechs, austere men whose sun-helmets bear the symbol of the Lime leaf. Most of them came from Syria after the German occupation but some saw Prague's final humiliation, and succeeded in escaping by methods which even now cannot be revealed.

One of them was arrested because he raised his clenched hand towards heaven as he stood before the Czechoslovakian Unknown Warrior's tomb on the day of the invasion.

attractive. The "conquered" countries in West Europe, while theoretically dominated by Germany, are beginning to show increasing courage and tenacity in their opposition to German rule. It was only last week that German troops stationed in Norway had to be put on a war footing because of hostile acts. It is also known throughout Holland that some 500 of her erstwhile leading administrators are imprisoned in German concentration camps while Belgium and France are not faring much better. As for Poland the situation is reported to be horrible beyond description. Each country although submitting to German domination, is a seething caldron of discontent and cannot but sap Hitler's military strength. A fact which he must recognise with some trepidation.

But a few days later he succeeded in disappearing under the very nose of the Gestapo agents.

Their motto is the motto of Czechoslovakia's beloved first President, Masaryk—"Truth will prevail."

Like all Czechs, they are great footballers. They sing a lot, talk little, are suspicious of those who talk too much: but their quietness is deceptive, for the steady look in their eyes recalls the fact that never have the Czechs made peace with their "conqueror."

"La Patrie"

Most of the Free Frenchmen in the Middle East are in Egypt, but some are here. They are more reticent than the Frenchmen one used to meet in France, and they bear themselves with a dignity born of a tremendous sadness.

They utter the words, "La patrie," with a grimness as though the Fatherland and they have been gravely injured. They have not yet had the opportunity to fight but everyone knows when they come face to face with the foe they will prove implacable.

One of them who knows England and loves it quoted Macaulay—"Delusion may triumph but the triumph of delusion is only for the day."

Spain's Unit

The longest pilgrimage to this camp of Liberty has been made by the smallest unit, that of the faith in the victory which is to Spanish Republicans who left Britain's.

DUNKIRK

"SO LONG as the English tongue survives, the word Dunkirk will be spoken with reverence. For in that harbour, in such a hell as never blazed on earth before, at the end of a lost battle, the rags and blemishes that have hidden the soul of democracy fell away. There, beaten but unconquered, in shining splendour, she faced the enemy.

They sent away the wounded first, men died so that others could escape. It was not so simple a thing as courage, which the Nazis had in plenty. It was not so simple a thing as discipline, which can be hammered into men by a drill sergeant. It was not the result of careful planning, for there could have been little. It was the common man of the free countries, rising in all his glory out of mill, office, factory, mine, farm and ship, applying to war the lessons learned when he went down the shaft to bring out trapped comrades, when he hurled the lifeboat through the surf, when he endured poverty and hard work for his children's sake.

This shining thing in the souls of free men—Hitler cannot command, or attain, or conquer. He has crushed it, where he could, from German hearts.

It is the great tradition of democracy. It is the future. It is Victory.

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FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"All I wanted was a free physical examination. I was positive they'd find SOMETHING wrong!"

The Mere Man

The Duke of Windsor The most democratic of British royal personages of the twentieth century; the Duke of Windsor, is also probably the most distinguished of Britons for all-round, universal popularity. There is hardly a place where his name is known that he is not fondly regarded with the friendliest affection, and nowhere outside of the Empire is this more true than in the United States. On his visits to the great American Republic as the Prince of Wales, Edward early carved for himself a niche in American hearts, and a very sure testimony of the love which Americans feel for him may be found in the remark made by a Middle West farmer, who said, after he met him, "Taint had if these United States had some Prince feller jest like him!"

It is the name of the Duke of Windsor that springs most readily to mind when I think of the most happy choice Mr Churchill can make for the position of Ambassador in Washington, left vacant with such sudden untimeliness by the death of Lord Lothian. There is not a single doubt that at this most important of times, and when a new era of Anglo-American co-operation is coming into being, Britain should have a representative at Washington who is not only well-liked but who can be trusted implicitly for whatever he does by the American in every walk of life. Lord Lothian was such a man, and fulfilled the highest expectations of his position. He earned the confidence of Americans because of his natural simplicity of heart, his disdain of the diplomatic tradition of mystery and intrigue, and his "common touch." Britain must select someone to replace him who can, in the same way, reach right home to the individual American.

There may be other eminent men, suited to be Ambassador, who have even greater training and experience for the work than the Duke of Windsor, but there cannot be one who, if appointed, will be instantly accepted with such spontaneous goodwill.

I have three reasons for favouring the Duke: firstly, for his own personal popularity; secondly, for the fact that he is married to an American, and thirdly, for the fact that such an appointment would be a means of placing Great Britain back in the good books of those Americans who, rightly or wrongly, felt that their country had been slighted because Edward had abdicated on account of his American wife.

The Prime Minister, who is one of the Duke's staunchest friends, must certainly be acquainted with all the factors, and may be sure that his choice, whatever it may be, will not have been made without consideration of these factors.

It was Lord Lothian, who was The Filmsman, who was Do Their quoted as saying that Hollywood is playing its part in maintaining British morale. The cinema, in these times when nations are struggling for their national existence, is certainly a welcome relief from terrifying experiences.

Britain is receiving more American films than for many years since the quota system went into force, but European countries sadly miss them, especially those countries whose populace must be kept satisfied and mentally keyed to the war effort.

The radio in Germany and Italy is not a vehicle for entertainment, but for propaganda, and cannot take the place of the films. In Britain, now, the radio must also largely be occupied with war news, warnings and official advice, though a great deal of pure, delightful entertainment is still being provided. So even "feature" and "thriller" serials are doing their bit in the fight of free peoples against totalitarian tyranny.

"To Whet Your Whistle" I had always imagined that the phrase "to whet your whistle" dated probably from Harry Weldon or one of the North Country comedians. But here it is hobnobbing up in the seventeenth century. Izaak Walton's "Piscator" remarks, "Let's o'en say grace, and turn to the fire, drink the other cup to whet our whistles, and so sing away all and thoughts."

Incidentally, I had always thought the phrase was "to wet your whistle." I had never read Walton. It seems to me the perfect book for these days, with no apologies to the consummate asses and dolts who call anything but a sordid, "realistic" novel, or a treatise on local government, boards, "the literature of escape."

—Claudius

TORPEDOED BOY SAVED STAMPS

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Derek Fairhurst, who lives in a London suburban town, made one condition when his parents proposed he and his sister Doreen, aged 10, should go to Canada as evacuees.

It was that he should be allowed to take his stamp collection, containing 1,000 stamps of Europe as it was before Hitler changed it.

His mother objected that warm clothes were more important, and as luggage was strictly limited the collection must give way.

Derek argued that he had taken years to collect the stamps. With Europe at war, some of them were valuable and irreplaceable.

His father persuaded Mrs. Fairhurst, reluctantly, to let him put his stamps before warm clothes.

Derek was one of the children saved from a ship which was attacked by a U-boat in the Atlantic.

All He Had
He and 200 other rescued children from London and the Home Counties arrived back at Euston.

And when his father met Derek and Doreen the boy had his precious stamp book with him.

"It was the only thing I had time to save," he said.

"When we felt the bump I just grabbed it, and went to see my sister safely out."

"Many other children were awfully sick in the small boat for it tossed up and down so, but I wasn't. I'm a good sailor. The sailors said so."

"I clutched my book all the way home."

"I think a lot of my stamps."

This is Derek's second adventure at sea.

"Three years ago," said his father, "I took him out to see the Queen Mary after her record-breaking trip."

"We got stuck on a sandbank in the Channel. The ship was in some danger, and we signalled for help. But Derek enjoyed every minute of it."

Soldier's Alleged Bigamy

A Battery Quarter-Master Sergeant, Charles Harold Taylor, was accused at Birmingham recently of committing bigamy three months after he had married his second wife.

Mr. M. P. Pugh, prosecuting, said Taylor was divorced by his first wife, and married Mrs. Margaret Lillian Taylor, of Chelmsford Road, Portsmouth, in July last year.

Miss Brenda Weston said she met Taylor at a dance in a midland town and "married" him on October 21. She regularly received £3 5s. 6d. a week from him.

Both women expressed their loyalty to Taylor in the witness-box.

His wife said: "I am still fond of him, and will forgive him if he will be true to me."

Miss Weston said: "He stands by me, and I stand by him."

Taylor was sent for trial and was allowed bail.

Earl Beatty To Command "U.S." Ship

Lieut.-Commander Earl Beatty, R.N., son of the former First Sea Lord, it is understood, will be appointed to command one of the fifty American destroyers sold to the British Navy.

Earl Beatty, who is thirty-five, resigned his commission in the Royal Navy after the outbreak of war to join the Navy.

Viscountess Beatty was formerly an American, Mrs. Dorothy Sandes.

Gas-Proofing Of Raid Shelters To Go Ahead

Authorities responsible for public air raid shelters in Britain have been told to examine their arrangements for gas-proofing the shelters in accordance with schemes prepared some time ago.

Military authorities along the South Coast have for some time been instructing the forces in their command in gas precautions in view of the possibilities at any time now of an attempt at invasion by the enemy.

It is considered possible that the Germans may include the use of poison gas as part of the preliminaries for an invasion.

The possibility that submarines might be used for such an attack from the Channel has not been overlooked.

It is believed that meteorological investigations have been made by the enemy of factors affecting the strategic use of poison gas.

Risks Of Illness
With the approach of colder weather there is some public concern about the risk of illness through having to spend whole nights in cold

FINDING LOST MEN OF B.E.F.

IT was disclosed recently that a large proportion of the 70,000 British casualties in France are prisoners of war.

The information was given at a meeting at the London Mansion House by Sir Philip Chetwode, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Red Cross and St. John Joint War Organisation.

The Red Cross, he said, is still tracing men who have been lost since the B.E.F. left France. Many of them are prisoners.

It was reported at the meeting that the Lord Mayor's Fund now stands at £3,073,000.

Lord Hilly, deputy chairman of the Fund, said the cost of collection had been under two per cent. Nearly one-third of the money came from overseas.

The penny-a-week scheme had collected no less than £200,000. Weekly receipts now averaged £15,000. This meant that more than 3,500,000 working men and women were giving a penny a week from their wages.

Sugar Chief Libelled By Broker

Libel damages of £550 and costs were awarded to Mr. William James Rook, Director of Sugar Purchases at the Ministry of Food, in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Justice Atkinson declared that the defendant, Mr. J. Leslie Fairlie, a sugar broker, of Mincing-lane, E.C., was actuated by enmity against Mr. Rook and the Sugar Control.

The hearing had lasted 15 days. Mr. Rook claimed damages for alleged libel contained in cables sent to Mr. Fairlie by Galban Lobo and Co., a Cuban sugar exporting firm, to whom the defendant acted as agent.

He contended that Mr. Fairlie had "poisoned the minds" of the firm by untrue accusations that Mr. Rook was favouring the firm of C. Czarnikow, Ltd., of which he is vice-chairman.

The Judge said he had no doubt that Mr. Fairlie wanted to force Mr. Rook to give orders to Galban Lobo. There was never the slightest foundation for any of the libels.

GOOD PRICES FOR RAMS

At the annual sale held at Lanark recently excellent trade was experienced for Border Leicester ram lambs, when 213 head were disposed of at the splendid average price of £12. 5s. 11d. apiece, as against £10. 10s. 3d. last year. The top prices for lambs were £120 and £100.

HIKED 183 MILES TO A FIRE

Because he wanted experience, a Manchester post-time auxiliary fireman hitch-hiked 183 miles from Manchester to London on his week's holiday and to obtain practice at real fires. He joined up at a London fire station and quickly got the experience he wanted.



INDIAN AIRMEN—Men from India arrive in London to join the Royal Air Force as pilots to strafe Germany. They are greeted by a sergeant of London police force in hearty handshake.

Desert Win Cements Egyptian Friendship

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The momentous military events of the past week have had a tremendous effect throughout the country.

Egyptians have always believed that Egypt's fate is linked closely with Britain's. During recent months, however, they have had to face a tendentious whispering campaign inaugurated by thousands of Italians living freely in the country abusing its hospitality and deliberately circulating reports calculated to sow distrust of the Allies.

Nevertheless the Egyptians have remained steadfast in their loyalty to the Allies.

Examples of Italian underground activity reveal the arrangement of the Italian colony. Many in recent months have even refused to pay rent, telling the landlords that any action against them would be useless as it was only a matter of weeks before Marshal Graziani's victorious troops would enter the country.

Immediate reaction to the British successes in the Western Desert is manifested in a wave of confidence throughout the country. A small example of this is the fact that 400 Moslems on Saturday registered with the Government as intending pilgrims to Mecca. This number exceeds all those who had previously registered.

Newspapers continue to display reports from the Western Desert under banner headlines. Representative of the opinion of the Arabic press, "Al Ahrum" declares: "British success proves that the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty is a necessity for safeguarding the country's integrity. There is no doubt that the week's events have strengthened in the greatest degree Anglo-Egyptian friendship."

The inhabitants of Cairo are expressing the greatest jubilation.

Axis Press On Egypt-Greece Final Round In U.K.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—After its announcement on Saturday that the situation was "serious but not catastrophic," Rome Radio to-day plucked up more courage and congratulated the British putting up such a good show.

The announcer said, "We always thought that the British would not give us a good fight and thus deprive our final victory of glory."

The German press, which for weeks maintained an exaggerated indifference to the plight of Germany to-day assured the German people that all would come right in the end. The Voelkische Beobachter said, "In German opinion, the situation in Greece and Egypt gives no ground for anxiety."

Nazis Not Helping

BASLE, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—According to the Wilhelmstrasse, the unfavourable turn in Italian operations in Albania and Egypt will not influence German military decisions of Italy Germany to give Italy active assistance, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

Germany, he adds, is tenaciously sticking to her plan to seek a final decision against Britain in the British Isles themselves.

Took Brass From Dockyard Needed Money For Family

Pleading that he was forced to steal because he did not earn enough to feed his family, Tol King-sun, 37-year-old blacksmith, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistrate's court this morning, charged with larceny by servant, of nine pounds of old brass from the Naval Dockyard on Saturday.

Defendant was given a routine search while leaving the dockyard and the brass was found concealed in his waist band. He had been employed in the dockyard for the last nine years, and was earning 97 cents per day.

In imposing a fine of £100 and ordering in default, two months' hard labour, Mr. Sheldon remarked that stealing from the Dockyard was a serious offence at the present time.

Inspector F. T. J. Portallion prosecuted.

German-Japanese Plots For Sabotage Alleged

The New York newspaper "P.M." describes what it calls widespread plots by Germany and Japan to foster sabotage in the United States and to stir up trouble along the Mexican border.

First violence, it says, in Germany's undeclared war against the United States has been tentatively set.

Plots are being developed in the United States and Mexico by German and Japanese diplomats and others, calling for action, which will probably involve a Mexican revolution, incidents on the Mexican-United States frontier, destruction of United States warships by special bombs from Germany shipped by way of Japan, and explosions in the West Coast arsenals and aircraft factories by German explosives disguised as pencils.

Directed By Consul
The Federal Bureau of Investigation, adds the newspaper, is awaiting the sign for the start of wholesale arrests.

According to sources of the Department of Justice in Mexico and on the West coast, sabotage plans are under the general supervision of the German Consul in San Francisco, Herr Wiedmann.

Assisting him is the German consul in Los Angeles, Herr Gysling, says the newspaper, who is alleged to have been at a meeting where plans to dynamite the Hercules power plant were drawn up. The Federal Bureau was advised of this plan; the newspaper concludes.

HITLER SACKS ARMY PRINCE

His Fury With Bernhard

PRINCE ASCHWIN ZUR LIPPE-BIESTERFELD, brother of Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, has been expelled from the German Army by the special order of Adolf Hitler.

He has been put under domiciliary arrest at the family castle near Bomst, in Silesia.

None of his friends is allowed to see him—even if the friend dared to incur the suspicion of the Gestapo by doing so. The motive for Hitler's order is his fury with Prince Bernhard, who, though born a German, has not in Nazi fashion betrayed the oath of loyalty to Holland which he swore when he became naturalised before his marriage to Princess Juliana.

Under Hitler's direct orders a flood of scurrilous newspaper attacks was let loose against Prince Bernhard both in Germany and in the German-controlled Press.

Now Hitler, unable to get at Prince Bernhard himself, has tried to punish his brother.

He was degraded and put under arrest as an officer who for his heroism as a lieutenant of motorised shock troops during the Polish campaign, was decorated with the Iron Cross.

JAPANESE PAY COMPENSATION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANOI, Dec. 15 (UP).—The Japanese have paid Indo-China 102,392 piasters as compensation to the families of the victims of the Air-France plane which was shot down by Japanese anti-aircraft guns on July 7 over Waichow Island.

Japan will also offer Indo-China a twin-engine plane to replace the Air-France plane.

SINGER PASSES

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Madame Blanche Marchesi, the well-known oratorio and concert singer, died in London to-day, aged 77.

She had sung before all the crowned heads of Europe and pupils came from all over the world to her singing academy in London.

Canadian Minister Rescued In Torpedoed Liner

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, has informed the Canadian authorities that Mr. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply, is safe.

Mr. Howe was a passenger on the British liner Western Prince, which was torpedoed 400 miles north-west of the Irish coast on Saturday morning.

Mr. Howe had been on a visit to Great Britain with other Canadian officials.

\$1,000 Donation To Bomber Fund

Further contributions to the Bomber Fund were received this morning, including a cheque for \$1,000 from His Honour, Sir Athol MacGregor.

Japanese Warship Robs, Disarms Junk

Robbed by Japanese sailors from a warship of cargo and other property to the value of \$2,200 while sailing in Chinese territory last month, Leung Chung-hoi, master and owner of junk No. T3559H, returned to the Colony yesterday, and make a report to the Police.

Leung said he left Cheung Chau on November 24 for Kwong Hoi with a crew of 12 and a cargo of goods valued at \$3,200. He was stopped by a Japanese warship the next day, and boarded by 15 Japanese sailors, who removed his cargo. They also took two Manila ropes valued at \$200, personal belongings valued at \$200, and the junk licence. The Japanese left after throwing overboard two cannons valued at \$600.

Gifts

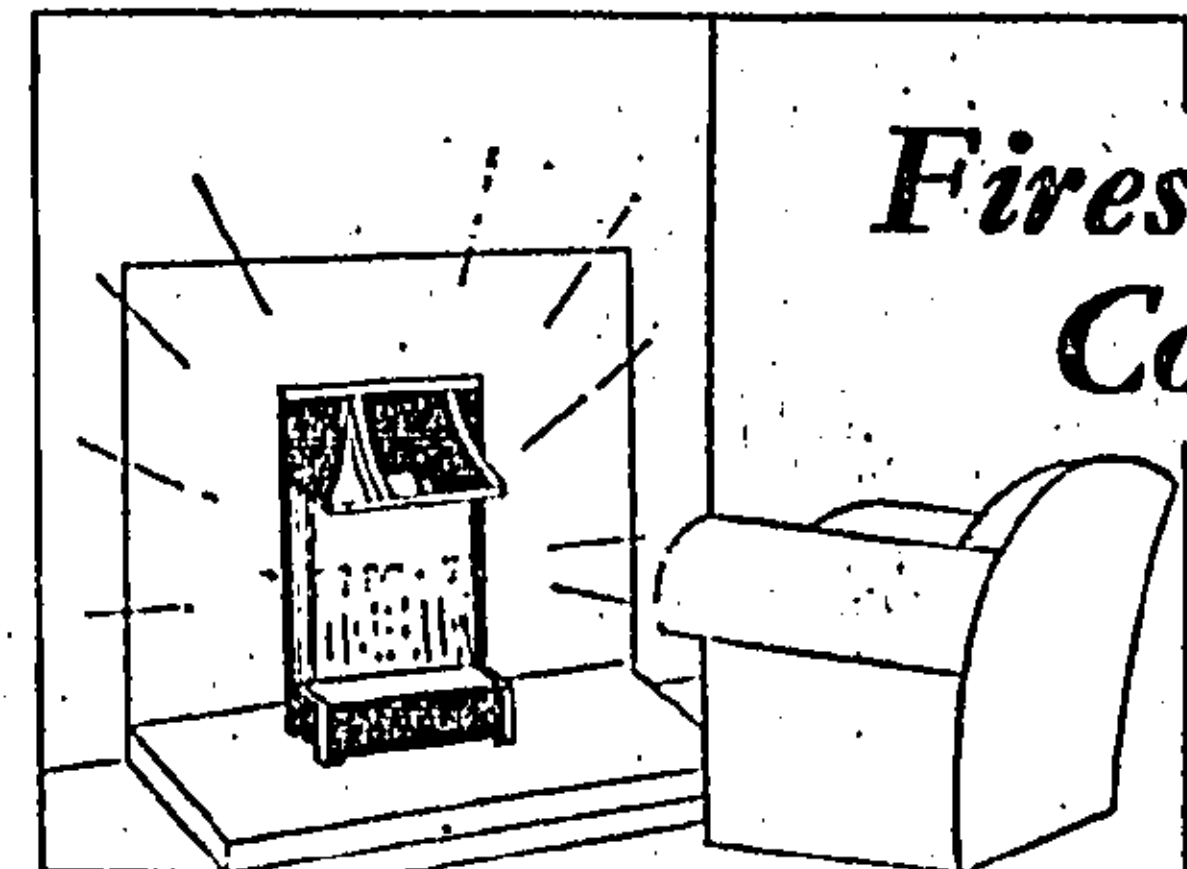
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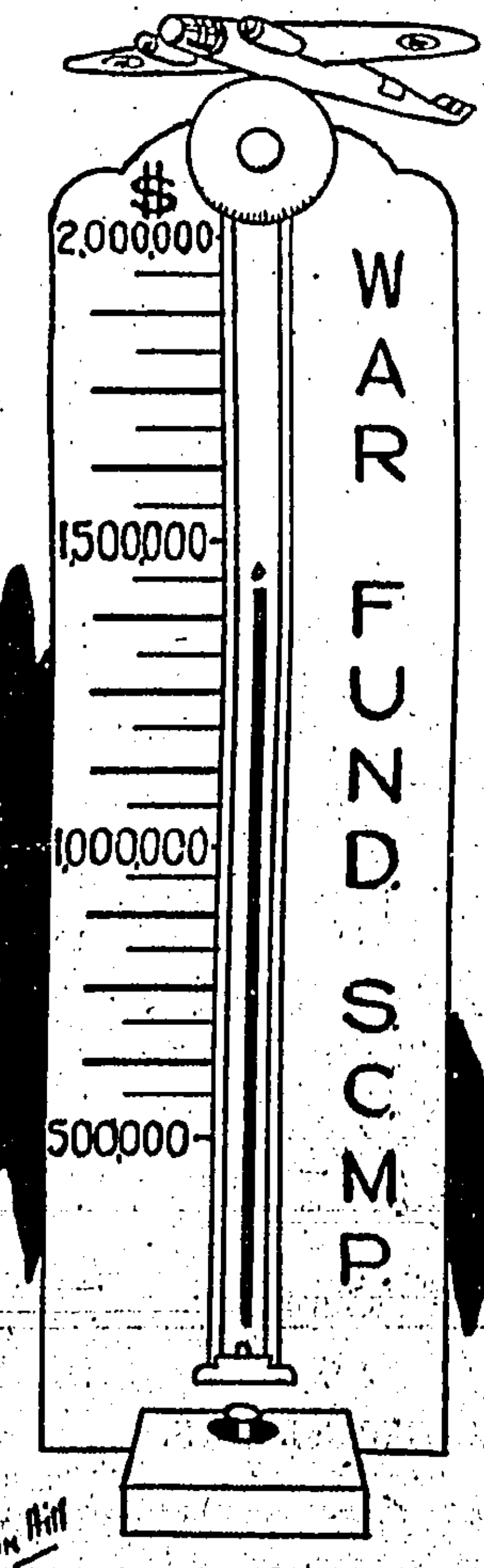
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

EASTERN TAKE BOTH POINTS Club Overwhelm Police

FROM POLICE 4-2 Frequent Infringement Spoil General Progress of Game

By "SCRAMBLER"

DESPITE THEIR WIN of four goals to two over Police yesterday at Caroline Hill, Eastern should consider themselves lucky, for all three goals were scored at a period when the Police were playing with ten men. The whistle was heard much too frequently, and due to dangerous play, no less than seven players had to receive attention.

Play was not so interesting and entertaining on the whole, although spasms of delightful play were produced by both teams. The superiority of the winning team was to be found in the forward line, where the five players co-ordinated well together.

The same cannot be said of the Police, for with the exception of Ferrier, the rest did not come up to expectation, the wingers especially were far too slow, and wasted many a good opportunity.

Eastern were somewhat lucky to obtain the first goal after ten minutes play, for after Wong Man Kwai was hurt after the kick off play was then confined to the Police half, and in one of their attacks, V. K. Hui scored from an offside position, as the Police defenders were appealing.

Play then alternated to a great extent and was chiefly centred in the middle, where Eastern's defence stood their ground. From a free kick taken by Pope, Lau Pak-hung equalised from a scrumage. Not long after the Police obtained the lead as from a pass by Moss to Wong Man-kwai, the ball found three Police forwards unmarked with the Eastern's defence spreadeagled, and Lau Pak-hung calmly walked the ball into the net.

Police Pressed

After the breather, Eastern went into the attack, and gave life to their play. Chan Kwong-yul was carried off with a leg injury and again in one of their raids, Eastern equalised through C. T. Tsao. Thereafter play was mostly confined to the Police territory, and although the defenders did all they could to stem the tide, their efforts were unavailing. Eastern kept up an insistent attack and Hsu King Sing took the ball up to within forty yards to let go with a hot left footed drive that gave Manning no chance.

Undaunted by this reverse, the Police came into the picture with several well timed raids, but found their forwards lacking in the final touches. Wong Man-kwai and Moss being the chief offenders. Ferrier tested Lau Hin-hon with several shots and Moss did likewise. At the other end, shots in quick succession by V. K. Hui and C. T. Tsao were cleared by Manning, and again in their attack the Police defenders had in the meanwhile all gone up, the ball was returned to the Police half with all defenders too far up to do anything with the result that V. K. Hui scored easily. Lau Hung Pak was also hurt, and playing with ten men again, Police were unfortunately not to reduce the arrears.

As one shot from Ferrier struck the upright with Lau Hin-hon completely beaten.

A Good Show

Although defeated, Police were not disgraced, for had their front men accepted the passes that went their way, they would have at least scored more than two goals. As stated, only Ferrier in the forward line did anything of note, but he was very badly let down by his other men. Howlett was none too prominent, but did forgo for the ball. Moss was too slow and cumbersome and should have parted with the ball earlier on many an occasion.

Of the wingers, Lau Hung-pak although scoring both goals was inclined to wait for the ball. Wong Man-kwai was completely out of the picture perhaps, due to the injury received during the first minute of the game.

Lethargic Eastern

Eastern started off in a lethargic fashion, and took sometime before they really settled down. Although they were more in the picture during the early part of the game, the forwards found the close attention of the Policemen a worry to them. Hsu King Sing was given plenty of room on the left wing, but always found a defender at his heels; the same can be said of Chung Yung-sien. Both wingers sent across some very constructive game, and led his front men well. He was ably supported by C. T. Tsao, but Cheung Kam Hoi did not appear to be comfortable.

The halves supported the forwards well, going up when they attacked and falling back when pressed. Both wing halves had more than the measure of the wingers, and Hsu King Sing did a very good job in

CASH SWEEP WINNERS ON SATURDAY

Race	No.	Amount
Race 1	No. 2508	\$3,018.00
	No. 5610	281.00
	No. 4100	430.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2203, 4054.		
Race 2	No. 2055	\$3,001.00
	No. 5351	257.00
	No. 4190	428.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3402, 440, 4096, 5100, 650, 1254, 3030, 6102, 6132, 5007.		
Race 3	No. 3725	\$3,353.00
	No. 3313	258.00
	No. 1908	470.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4027, 4230, 1210.		
Race 4	No. 4090	\$3,547.00
	No. 57	1,013.00
	No. 1078	508.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2838, 2042.		
Race 5	No. 6722	\$3,324.00
	No. 3235	1,024.00
	No. 2370	512.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1202, 1203, 6072, 3027.		
Race 6	No. 1740	\$7,128.00
	No. 1248	2,038.00
	No. 5238	1,018.00
Race 7	No. 7244	\$3,783.20
	No. 3177	1,075.20
	No. 2409	517.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 420, 37, 4027, 6381, 6300, 1033, 6442, 632.		
Race 8	No. 331	\$7,238.50
	No. 3309	2,068.00
	No. 5238	1,018.00
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): No. 2004, 6220, 4378.		

DAILY DOUBLE

Winning combination, Warrego Silver and Quick Dispatch. Total net pool, \$15,200. Number of winning chances, 611. Dividend, \$22.50.

Softball

Recreio Aces Nose Out Cyclones 1-0

THRILLS of League Softball yesterday were largely contained in the one-run victory of Recreio Aces over the Cyclones in the men's Division. But games generally were close. There were no less than five matches decided by one run, the other four being Cardinals 22 Ramlers 21; Wildcats 17 Whoos 10; Chung Hwa 9 Cosmopolitans 8 and Recreio Aces 5 South China 6. This was, indeed, fare for the fans.

Complete scores were:
Cardinals 22, Ramlers 21.
Chung Hwa 9, Cosmopolitans 8.
Wildcats 17, Whoos 10.
Men, First Division
St. Joseph's 10, Las Florinas 10.
Men, Second Division
Cyclones 0, Recreio Aces 1.
Canucks 3, Indians 31.
Chung Hwa 9, Cosmopolitans 8.
Recreio Aces 5, South China 6.
H.K. 7, V.I.C. 24.
Inter-Hong
H.K. Bank 12, Cable 2.
Chartered Bank 20, Greenspots 12.

keeping a watchful eye on Howlett and Moss. The pair of backs Kong Seng-king and T. S. Yue by their clever coverings and positionings relieved many a dangerous movement. Lau Hin-hon did all that was required of him, but is still nervous under pressure.

Numerous Injuries

The game was remarkable for the number of injuries sustained and the too frequent blowing of the whistle. Play was interesting at times, and had the Police forwards played as well as they did against the Sing Tao, a different result would have been no surprise.

Eastern moved about with more co-ordination, the forwards played with understanding. The halves supported their forwards well but the Police were too much occupied with keeping the ball out that at times the forwards had to forage for themselves.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon, Kong Seng-king, T. S. Yue, Lau Tai-chang, Hsu King-sing, Ng Kee-cheong, Chung Yung-sung, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hui, C. T. Tsao, Hsu King Sing.

POLICE: Manning, Blackburn, Chan Kwong-yul, Pope, Gough, North, Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Moss, Ferrier, Lau Pak-hung.



Blackburn (Police) preparing to clear and relieve Eastern pressure during their League soccer match yesterday—Ming Yuen.

KEN OVERLIN RETAINS MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

Steve Belloise Out-Pointed

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (UP).—The veteran Ken Overlin successfully defended his Middleweight boxing title against young Steve Belloise to-night by winning the decision after an unexpectedly dull 15-round contest which caused continuous booing by the 6,000 spectators.

There was not a single knock-down, and the bout was marked by almost continuous clinching and mauling.

Reuter adds that the experienced Overlin slapped his opponent's strength with a forefist body attack, while Belloise foolishly elected to wait for one heavy punch, which he was never able to land.

This is the second time Overlin has successfully defended his title against Belloise. The first was on November 2 when Overlin staged one of the

grandest rallies ever witnessed in any ring to win by a narrow margin. Overlin was floored twice and nearly knocked out on two other occasions later on.

NAVY TRIUMPH OVER ARMY

Determined Display

IN a determined display, Navy overcame the Army 11-3 in the Quadrangular Tournament at Causeway Bay on Saturday, and took the lead by one point in the Tournament table.

H.E., the G.O.C. Major-General A. E. Gracett was among the large crowd present.

To the hard-working pack and the outstanding play of Paul and Honeywell must go the greater credit for their success. Rutherford played an excellent game behind the scrum, while in the loose King, Beattie, Taylor and Mansfield were prominent.

The Navy pack got more of the ball, often through clever wheeling. In the loose Miller and Gillam worked hard. Pleton played a good game at full back. On the wing McDonald was fast and was unlucky not to get over at times.

ARMY AGGRESSIVE

The Army pressed from the start and McDonald was held up on the line. Wedderburn soon afterwards looked dangerous, but Paul cleared after Hook attempted a dropped goal. He kicked through with the ball at his feet, past Pleton. Honeywell followed up fast, but Paul managed to force the bouncing ball after it had gone between the posts. He converted his own try. Pleton played a good game at full back. On the wing McDonald was fast and was unlucky not to get over at times.

The Army halted play at the reopening, but failed to penetrate the defence. They missed several chances through passes going astray inexcusably. Coombes cut through and passed to Gillam, who had McDonald waiting outside him unmarked, but the pass was knocked forward.

RUTHERFORD'S FINE TRY After a scrum about 10 yards from the Army line Rutherford whipped on the blind side and dummed his way past several men to dive over near the corner. Paul missed the kick.

Army rallied and when within striking distance, Coombes attempted a dropped goal, which went wide. Hook broke away until tackled by Paul. Hook again attacked, sending Richards away on the wing. Richards was forced into touch by Morahan. From the line-out the Army hammered over near the posts. Miller failed to convert. Paul attempted a dropped goal just before the close of the game.

Chinese R.C. "At Home"

Chinese Recreation Club will be "At Home" to members and friends on Sunday, December 20, when prizes won during the past season will be distributed.

An all-day American Tennis Doubles tournament will be held.

Navy Surprise Army In Quadrangular Rugby Tournament

(By "Fly-Half")

LACKING a full back with a tackle deadly enough, Police went down to the Club to the tune of 8 points (a try and a goal to 36 (six goals and two tries) in the Quadrangular Tournament rugby match at Boundary Street on Saturday.

At Causeway Bay, Navy created considerable surprise when they beat the Army by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to 3 (a try).

Police fought hard up mid-field, but once a Club man got through, except for Reynolds, he met with little opposition and could make goal kicking almost a certainty by touching down between the posts. The majority of Club's tries were from the wing, and had the scorers been chased by a fast man the tries would have been scored near the corners and the possibility of kicks being missed greater.

Wall, who played at full-back for Police in the first half, played one of his worst games out here. Hesitating before fielding and tackling he generally missed either the ball or man. Later, at stand-off half, he was no improvement to Jackson. The latter fumbled his passes at fly-half, and later, at full-back, lacked speed to bring down the last Club winger.

Reynolds was the only Police three to have any success in attempts to break through, whilst in defence he held Stewart with some success, and once chased Day, who was completely through, to bring him down to yards from the line.

Riddell was too slow, and his method of passing, generally from the shoulder or higher, lent itself to inaccuracy and open to destructive play by Club forwards.

POLICE FORWARDS DO WELL

UP FORWARD Police put up a good show, and were far from overwhelmed. In the first 15 minutes of the second half, they controlled the game. Wright-Noth, a marked man, put in a lot of hard work. Dempsey was possibly the best Police forward, but he spoilt his play by ignorance of the rules. Handling on the ground or in scrums is still a bad habit of his.

Thompson, despite the one-sided score in his side's favour, was given quite a lot to do and did it well. His try was an outstanding effort. Bosanquet was in sprightly mood and proved too fast for Dingsdale. Aitkenhead received some terrible

passes from Thompson, scrum-half, and did well to recover in the face of Police's eager forwards. Club forwards did well in the line-outs and set scrums, especially in the latter when they packed 3-4-1. Burford had the better of his vis-a-vis at hooking.

THE GAME

SOON after the kick-off, the ball from a scrum within the Club half, went out on the blind side to Bosanquet who kicked to touch but did not get it. He followed up hard to gather the ball as it rose from a lucky bounce, and went on past Wall to score under the posts.

Back at the other end of the field, the Club three were lined up as from the scrum so fast and unexpected had been the score. Aitkenhead converted. Day, Carruthers and Thompson added further tries. Aitkenhead converted one and Redman the other.

SECOND HALF

AFTER the interval, Police pegged away at the Club line, but spoilt their moves by over-eagerness. A snap try by Dempsey, which was converted by Wall, was a just reward for their efforts.

Against the run of play, Club went further ahead with a brilliant try by Thompson. The full-back fielded the ball on his own 25 and kicked a high ball to touch. Jackson deflected it in an attempt to catch it, and Thompson, who had followed up fast, gathered it and raced over the line at the posts. Redman converted.

Undismayed, Police forwards went into attack, and the ball was booted upfield where Thompson, in recovery, was clumsy and unintentionally obstructed Wall. A penalty try was given, but Wall from in front of the posts failed to convert.

Club scored further tries through Thompson, Bosanquet and Day. Burford converted one, and Taylor another.

Day, Stewart, Aitkenhead, Thompson, Lee, Burford, Heaman, Needham, Hackett, Kennedy, Taylor, Redman, Police—Wall, Reynolds, Docherty, Jones, Dingsdale, Jackson, Riddell, Jennings, Lewis, Hogarth, Cullinan, Searle, Wright-Noth, Dempsey, Gough.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

BRITISH FORCES ADVANCE 200 MILES ACROSS DESERT

("Reuter" In The Western Desert)

December 15.—I have just arrived in Sidi Barrani after two days of travel across the desert by the 200-mile route followed by our mechanised forces at the beginning of their drive into Libya.

Only after such a journey is since it opened the way to all that it possible to appreciate the magnitude of the British victory.

Throughout the trip we passed an almost ceaseless stream of captured Italian tanks, lorries, armoured cars and prisoners being taken back to the bases. At some points we saw Italian ammunition dumps all intact, covering an area of two square miles.

Although a breakdown delayed our cars we were able to push on without touching any of our rations knowing that we should find dumps of Italian food along the route. The Italians destroyed virtually nothing at Sollum as they did not have the time to do so.

Only when the great fortified encampment of Nibeiwa, where our armoured division wiped out General Maletti's crack desert column in a couple of hours after the British blitz had begun, has been seen, can the brilliance of this initial victory be fully appreciated.

Comparable To Sedan

The importance of this success is comparable to the battle of Sedan.

At Nibeiwa, General Maletti had established a base from which he planned to invade Egypt. The encampment, which has a circumference of about four miles, was protected outside by landmines and inside by 18-pounder, field, machine and A.A. guns.

The camp contained 3,500 of Italy's best Libyan troops led by Italian officers. Their fire at Sidi Barrani was extremely heavy and elsewhere when the British tanks got among them, their guns put up a hot though ineffective fire.

It is still impossible to estimate the total Italian casualties but they were certainly heavy and they are believed to have lost thousands of killed and wounded while, in addition, a number of high officers have been captured.

It has been reported by Kwan Yulice that between 1.30 and 2.45 yesterday afternoon he either lost, or had stolen from him two \$500 and one \$100 banknotes. The loss occurred between the Tung On wharf and Thomson Road.

Securities In U.S.A.

Transfer Announcement

LONDON, Dec. 15 (British Wireless).—The Treasury announces that in continuation of the policy already in operation, a further group of American dollar securities has been transferred to the Treasury.

The new order sets out the sterling prices to be paid by the Treasury. In arriving at these prices, allowance has been made for the fact that one month elapses from the date of acquisition orders to date of payment.

Arrangements have been made whereby the whole or part of the amount payable may be subscribed to the 2½ per cent. National War Bonds 1945-7 (Bank of England or Post Office issues) or 3 per cent. Defence Bonds (Post Office issue). The list contains the names of 60 to 70 securities.

Drive Along Libyan Border Maintained

("Reuter" At Advanced Desert Headquarters)

CAIRO, Dec. 15.—While British troops are driving all along the frontier, the astonishing total of Italian prisoners and captured booty continues to mount.

The last pockets of resistance outside Sidi Barrani were mopped up on Wednesday by a force operating under an Australian-born Brigadier.

Meanwhile an armoured brigade with a composite force which had been driving along the escarpment running roughly parallel with the coast towards the old frontier, came in contact with the enemy on Thursday and is still fighting.

Large numbers of retreating Italians have been shot up by British fighters and one group of 100 vehicles and 1,000 men surrendered on Thursday in the Nibeiwa-Sollum area.

Another group was attacked by re-lays of fighters near the spot known among the troops as Hellfire Pass.

Australian Airmen

In the latter part of the week, the Italians had been attempting to retaliate by air attacks. It was during one of these attacks that an Australian squadron of five Gladiators distinguished itself by engaging 12 Capronis and destroying several of them as announced in Saturday's R.A.F. communiqué.

Despite the extent of British successes, however, it should not be imagined that the Italians did not put up any resistance.

Italian Prisoners

All day long a continual stream of captured Italian lorries crammed with prisoners is bumping across the desert through a sandstorm which has been raging the whole week.

One armoured brigade which captured 13,000 prisoners in the Bugbug area alone, signalled urgently for assistance as they were anxious to continue the advance without being hampered by acting as warders.

A battalion of a famous Indian regiment took over the prisoners and the armoured brigade hurried on towards Sollum in order to cut off enemy forces retreating from camps in the interior of the desert which had surrendered.

Mr F. P. Franklin of 34 The Peak has reported to the police that early yesterday afternoon someone stole a pair of binoculars valued at \$40 from outside of the front of his house.

LOTHIAN FUNERAL RITES

Impressive U.S. Ceremony

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Funeral services for the late Lord Lothian were held with full honours at Washington Cathedral this afternoon.

United States cavalry escorted the caisson bearing the body from the Embassy to the Cathedral through avenues cleared of traffic by hundreds of police and lined with silent people.

President Roosevelt, who is spending the week-end at Warm Springs, Georgia, after his Caribbean cruise, was represented at the service by his secretary, Mr. Stephen Early. Mr. Roosevelt attended personally. Mr. Neville Butler, Charge d'Affaires at the British Embassy, represented the King, and the Earl of Athlone and Mr. Mackenzie King (Governor-General and Prime Minister of Canada respectively) were also present.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps and many high officials were present. A private cremation was held later in the afternoon at another service at the church.

More U.S. Bombers Reach Manila

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Dec. 15 (UP).—It is officially confirmed that 12 American bomber planes from Honolulu landed at Cavite shortly after 5 o'clock on Saturday evening after an uneventful trans-Pacific flight.

This brings the Navy's long-range bomber strength in the Philippines to 26—the largest in the history of the islands.

Remains of Dictator's Son Returned to Paris

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The remains of the Duke of Reichstadt, son of Napoleon I and Empress Marie Louise, which have been transferred to Paris from Vienna were placed next to Napoleon's tomb in the Hotel des Invalides in an elaborate midnight ceremony, according to the German-controlled Paris wireless.

The coffin arrived in the Gare de l'Est escorted by German soldiers bearing torches late on Saturday evening and was taken to the Hotel des Invalides on a gun-carriage. Anti-aircraft guns fired a salute while German guards carried the coffin to the entrance where at 1 a.m. the German Ambassador formally turned it over to Admiral Darlan, representing Marshal Petain.

French municipal guards then carried the coffin into the chapel and placed it, draped with the Tricolour, at the foot of Napoleon's tomb.

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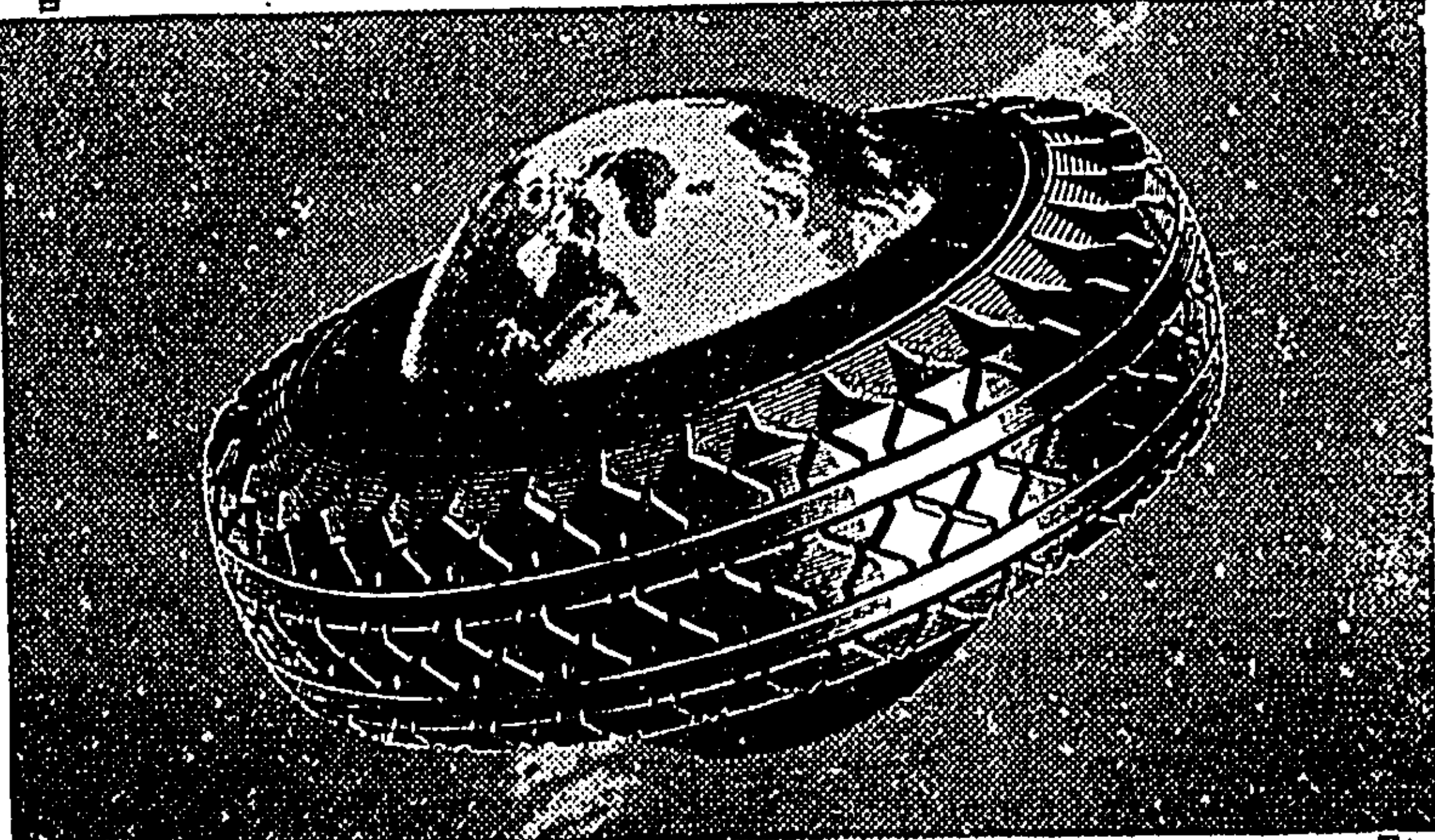
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